# THE BALTIMORE MUSEUM OF ART WYMAN PARK . BALTIMORE 18, MARYLAND

November 6, 1952

Mr. Charles Alan, Associate Director THE DOWNTOWN GALLERY 32 East 51 Street New York 22, New York

Dear Mr. Alan:

Your letter of Movember 3 to Mrs. Breeskin has come to my attention.

Enclosed please find the requested express bill for the painting SIX by Ben Shahn. We were happy to have been represented by this handsome canvas in your fall exhibition.

In reply to your question about Mr. Gallagher, he has returned home.

Sincerely yours,

James W. Foster, Jr. Assistant Director

JWF, Jr./dmh

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DEPARTMENT OF DECORATIVE ARTS - DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL ARTS

MEYRIC & ROGERS, Curatur November 6, 1952

Mrs. Edith Gregor Halpert The Downtown Gallery 32 East 51st Street New York 22, New York

Dear Edith:

I am happy to say that at long last our Committee has approved the acquisition of the group of American folk sculpture you sent in last Spring. We expect their recommendation will be formally approved by the Board on November 12, and we can send you a check to cover. To facilitate this will you send us an invoice in duplicate which is required by our accountants.

I wish you could see the installation which has excited much favorable comment. Before long I hope to be able to send you a photo which will give you some idea of it.

With very best and many thanks for your patience.

Yours sincerely,

Meyric R. Rogers

MPD- No

Miss E. Louise Lucas, Librarian, Fogg Art Museum, Harvard University, Cambridge, 38, Mass.

Dear Miss Lucas:

I have ordered the Levine photographs which you requested, but the photographer who took these pictures is extremely lax in printing the negatives. As soon as the photographs are received we will send them to you.

Sincerely yours,

CA:ml



contemporary arts association of houston inc 302 dallas avenue

AIR MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY

Hovember 14, 1953

Edith Gregor Balpert The Downtown Gallery 32 East 51 Street New York 22, New York

Dear Mrs. Halpert:

Of the list of Ben Shahn paintings you sent us several weeks ago which might be available for our forthcoming American painting exhibit, we have received confirmation only on MOCFURNE from the collection of Melson A. Rockefeller. In addition, we have also received confirmation on two others: HECOND ALLEGORY from the University of Illinois and INDIA from the collection of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Newberger.

That leaves five to go. It is probable that we may obtain one more out of the list you sent us, not including the possibility of our borrowing those listed as being in the Downtown Gallery. Since it will be necessary for us to send someone around in New York to collect the various paintings for shipping around December 15th, Mr. Straus and I are both concerned that we are postponing too many decisions. Do you think you could hold the ones in the gallery for us? We are especially interested, indeed, in Mr. Shahn's most recent work. And who can tell, maybe we can sell one of them for you.

Should I get out and scratch for some more of his works or should I sit tight with the ones we have already got and the ones you may be able to lend us?

Sinderely,

Ralph A. Anderson, Jr.

Chairman: American Painting exhibit

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November 24, 1952.

Mrs. Thomas A. Tarr, Box 504, Bartlesville, Oklahoma.

Dear Mrs. Tarri

Unfortunately we have no photographs of our smaller paintings with the exception of the two I am now sending you, both extremely fine examples of ker work. Both are pastels; and, "Lightening at Sea" is very similar in feeling to "Leng Island Sunset". If you would care to pay transportation charges and insurance I could sent you a small group of originals - say 3 or 4 pictures - including a "Lake George Barn"? All are under \$1,000.00. Incidently, we have smother version of "Rancho's Church" which, too, is among her famous pictures. The size is let X 24, and the price of this oil is 21,500.00. In addition, I have just discovered a New Mexico landscape, of which I have a photograph. This is one of the later examples of this type - priced at \$1,000.00.

Please let me know whether you want to have some of the paintings sent on; and will you be good enough to return the photographs for our records.

Sincerely yours,

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## UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI CORAL GABLES (UNIVERSITY BRANCH) 46, FLORIDA

LOWE GALLERY

ALLAN MCNAB, Director

November 10, 1952

Miss Edith Gregor Halpert, Director, The Downtown Gallery, 32 East 51 Street, New York 22, New York

Dear Miss Halpert:

Thank you so much for your letter of November seventh.

I look forward to meeting the "boys" and will keep you informed as to how we get along.

If you do come down this way, let us know-- we might be able to squeeze you in a guest house here for a night or two.

Sincerely yours,

Allan McNab, Director

AMCN:gc

Mr. Oliver B. Jenes, 415 Security Building, Phoenix, Arizona.

Dear Mr. James:

It was so good to hear from you after such a long silence, and your letter made me feel doubly sorry that you are not in New York to see this beautiful Spencer exhibition. It is saddening, seeing these paintings, to realize that no more will be produced.

As you know, Niles Spencer was an exceedingly unproductive artist. His widow would like to keep three of his more recent works, and smong these is "Ventilator" - shout which you wrote. There is another painting entitled "From the Lafayette", a dark, more moody example, with which she is willing to part. Both Mrs. Halpert and I consider this a more characteristic and important Spencer. I fastter myself that I know your taste very well, and it seems to me that this is more your kind of painting - more similar to the Spencer which you gave to the ASC. "From the Lafayette" is a vertical, 30" X 16", priced at \$900.00. Would you like me to send you a photograph of the painting? Or, would you prefer that I ship the painting unframed via air for your approval?

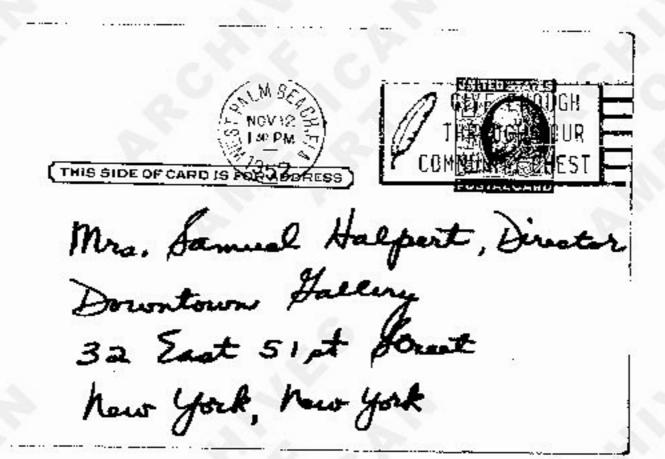
If you are planning to be in New York for your annual visit early in December, I would be glad to reserve this painting for you, hiding it in the basement until you arrive in New York.

I am, in any case, as usual, looking forward to the pleasure of your semi-annual visit. In fact ever since your last visit to New York I have been trying to figure out ways and means of getting to Madrid next June during my vacation. Please do not tempt me.further when I see you next. With best regards,

Sincerely yours.

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THE BRICK HOUSE SOUTHERN ACRES SHELBURNE, VERMONT

DEAR EDITH:

I HAVE HAD ANOTHER SETBACK AND THIS IS THE FIRST DAY THAT I FEEL I EVEN MAKE SENSE. FELD TOLD ME THAT THEY WERE NOT USING MISS LOUCH-HEIN FOR THEIR ARTICLE AS SHE WAS TOO EXPENSIVE. I WISH YOU WOULD SOUND HER OUT AND MAKE SURE THAT EVERYTHING IS ON THE SQUARE ABOUT THE DIF-FERENT ARTICLES WHICH WILL APPEAR. SHE IS A PEACH, AND I WANT HER TO BE SATISFIED IN EVERY WAY. YOU MAY BE ABLE TO USE YOUR INFLUENCE SO THAT LIFE AND HOUSE & GARDEN WON'T BOTH PUBLISH ARTICLES IN IT DOES SEEM TO ME IF WE COULD PER-FEBRUARY. SUADE THEM TO HOLD OFF UNTIL THE SPRING IT WOULD BE MUCH BETTER . HOWEVER, YOU AS THE FAIRY GOD-MOTHER TO THE MUSEUM WILL KNOW WHAT IS BEST, AND WITH YOUR TACT, I FEEL SURE EVERYONE WILL BE HAPPY. DROP ME A LINE AND LET ME KNOW WHAT YOU THINK.

SENT THE PICTURES OF THE FISH WEATHER-VANES TO MY BROTHER-IN-LAW, BUT HE HAS DECIDED THAT HE WANTS SOMETHING ELSE. A THOUSAND THANKS FOR SENDING THEM. THEY ARE RETURNED WITH THIS LETTER.

AFFECTIONATELY YOURS,

Nov. 20, 1952

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November 7, 1952

Downtown Gallery 32 E. 51st New York 22, N. Y.

Atten: Miss Halpert

Dear Miss Halpert:

If it is no great inconvenience, I would appreciate seeing some of the photographs taken of the steel pen drawings in your collection.

Yours very truly,

THE H. LIEBER COMPANY, INC. Mark Holeman, pur by.

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### UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI CORAL GABLES (UNIVERSITY BRANCH) 46, FLORIDA

LOWE GALLERY

ALLAN MCNAB, Director

November 13, 1952

Mrs. Edith Halpert, Director, The Downtown Gallery 32 East 51st Street New York 22, New York

Dear Mrs. Halpert:

I am planning to come to New York to attend the Art Film Pestival and expect to arrive on Wednesday, November 26th.

you? I expect to leave for Mismi on December 1st and will call your office upon my arrival in New York to see if we can arrange a time within that week.

Looking forward to seeing you again.

Sincerely,

Allan McNab, Director.

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Mr. Mark Holman, The M. Lieber Co., Inc., 440 North Capitol Ave., Indianapolis, 9, Indiana.

Dear Mr. Holman:

I am enclosing five photographs of steel pen drawings in our collection. The information as to size and price is listed on the reverse side of each photograph. All of these are in excellent condition.

Please be good enough to return the photographs for our records after you make your decision, as some of the negatives are no longer available.

S incerely yours,

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November 10, 1962.

Miss Ellen Sharp, Executive Secretary, Contemporary Arts Association, 302 Dallas Avenue, Houston, 3, Texas.

Dear Miss Sharp:

For the record - it is agreeable to us for you to exhibit the two paintings by Robert Preusser in Austin.

Sincerely yours,

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Movember 10, 1962.

Mr. Otto Rach, Director, The Denver Art Museum, 14th Avenue & Acoma St., Denver, 4, Colorado.

Dear Kr. Bach:

I am sorry to inform you that we will not have any paintings by either Shahm or Kuniyoshi awailable for your exhibition in January and February. I would suggest that you borrow examples by these artists from some nuseum not too distant from you. The University of Nebracks has fine examples of both. The California Palace in San Francisco has an excellent Shahm. There is also an important Kuniyoshi in the Nelson Gallery in Kansas City. I am sorry that we are unable to cooperate with you in lending paintings, but if I can be of more assistance in informing you where examples are located, do not hesitate to ask me.

Sincerely yours,

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### 1220 EAST FIFTY-SIXTH STREET

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Nov 17 K

New york City

Dear his alan,

I have checked with our framer has armend the 828 n. wello Et. today, and ha tello me they have not yet received the Ben Shahn portfolis. Will you please check on it at once, I see if by any chance you still have

### Bovember eleventh,

Mr. Solomon B. Smith, Northern Trust Company, 50 La Salle Street, Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Saith:

I thought that you would be interested in seeing the enclosed clipping reproducing the painting you were good enough to lead us.

It is too bad that you cannot see the entire exhibition, which looks magnificent, and in which "The Silver Tanks" is an outstanding example. I would suggest that you obtain a copy of the current issue of the MAGAZINE OF ART, which includes an excellent article on Niles Spencer by Holger Cabill.

If you are planning to be in New York in the near future, don't miss our forthcoming Christmas show, which includes an unprecedented collection of small gens at costume levelry prices.

I look forward to seeing you and Mrs. Smith.

Sincerely yours,

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Mrs. Burton G. Tremmine, Jr., The Miller Company, Meriden, Connecticut.

Dear Mrs. Tresaine:

We are planning to honor Stuart Davis and Yasuo Kuniyoshi with an exhibition of their paintings that were shown at the Biennale in Venice last swemer. Our exhibition is scheduled to open on December 7th and continue through December 27th.

We are writing you now to request the loan of your painting "For Internal Use Only" for these few weeks before it is finally returned to you. We will, of course, insure the painting for the same value while it is under our control.

We believe that it will be of great interest and importance to exhibit these paintings in New York before they are once again scattered across the country. There is no doubt that Americans will welcome the opportunity of seeing the work of these two artists who represented our country in Venice. For this reason we hope you will be able to give us a favorable reply to our request. If so, we will make the necessary arrangements with the American Federation of Arts.

Sincerely yours.

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### INDIANA UNIVERSITY BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES FINE ARTS DEPARTMENT

November 21, 1952

Mrs. Edith Halpert, Director The Downtown Gallery 32 East 51 Street New York 22, New York

Dear Edith:

Many thanks for the information you have sent me on the prices for work in mural painting. I am going to take this up soon with the committee and hope to be able to make some progress before long.

We expect to be in town next month and will drop in and see you.

Sincerely yours,

Henry R. Hope, Chairman Fine Arts Department

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Nov. 12, 1952.

Dear Editte apyou see, we are in business "mon! the nureum are more warranted now; but will avoid additions ten years from mow. We have the 2 acre partire facing on neverous Cove, Currene we all used to affroach the entrance year look right through the brilding down

November 11,1952.

Mrs. B. B. Hale, 37 East 64 Street, New York, M. Y.

Dear Betty:

I am sure that you are receiving the printed announcement of our annual Christ-mas exhibition. I cannot resist writing to urge you to come in early, because this year we have received more outstanding examples than ever before.

If you are still thinking about that wall of small paintings, you will really reap a harvest here. Looking forward to seeing you -

Sincerely yours,

lovember 24, 1962.

National Carloading Corporation, Pier 48, North River, New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

This will suthorize your driver to deliver one crate containing one cigar store Indian, shipped from Blodgett Packing & Storage Company, Grand Rapids, Michigan, and adoressed to us, to W.S. Budworth & Son, 426 West 52nd Street, New York, New York.

Very truly yours,

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November 13, 1952

Mrs Edith Gregor Halpert Downtown Galleries East 51st Street New York, New York

Dear Mrs Halpert:

Enclosed is a photo of the Harnett picture which is in my possession. The dimensions are approximately 18 by 30 inches. It is in perfect condition and in a heavy gold frame. It is dated 1891.

I would indeed appreciate any information you can give me in regard to this painting. Inasmuch as I have no concept of its value even a rough estimate would be helpful.

I would also consider valuable any unusual sources you might refer me to that contain biographical information about the artist.

Thank you for your helpfulness.

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James E Allen Jr h Wilburn Park

Evanston Illinois



### PARST SALES COMPANY

CENERAL OFFICES 221 NORTH LA SALLE STREET

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November 5, 1952

The Downtown Gallery 32 E. 51st St. New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

The president of the Pabst Brewing Company, Mr. Harris Perlstein, has purchased an oil painting by Charles Sheeler, #54, named "Pabst."

Since we are planning to use this as the front cover of our company publication, we are anxious for data to use on our cover caption. Of particular importance is information as to why Mr. Sheeler painted this, and why he named it "Pabst."

If you can supply this information, plus some background on Mr. Sheeler himself, or if you can refer this letter to him, I would appreciate it greatly.

Many thanks.

Cordially,

PABST SALES COMPANY

June Bedford

Publicity Department

hen Choses: I thought it bother if they had it straight from the horses mouth. So would you answer this directly. The horses mouth the letter to me sometime. Than.

### November 24, 1953

Mr. Ralph A. Anderson, Jr.

Mr. Ralph A. Anderson, Jr., Chairman American Painting Exhibit Contemporary Arts Association of Houston 302 Dallas Avenue Houston 3, Texas

catalogue labelled. As this satisfactory to yourseld. The Kou may depend of course on the four we promised you originally.

According to my list you now have available for your exhibition the following paintings: ABCin Labyrinthus at a confidential Nicholago Common Arch of Triumphic Indianated accordance Second Allegory, making a total of seven.

If you do not obtain any of the five also listed in my original letter, may I suggest that you write to the following:

Mr. Sylvan Lang armov viewsoninsing Sorrow - 1946 717 Tvy Lane 36x29 San Antonio, Texas

Albright Art Gallery

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Sound in the Mulberry Tree 1948 36x48

Mr. William Bomar 1300 Broad Fort Worth, Texas

Allegory - 1948 48x36

Wadsworth Atheneum

ve - 1960 62 x 31

Mr. Paul Block, Jr. 4069 River Road Toledo Ohio 8corn - 1962 261 x 38 3/4

In suggesting any of these possible substitutions, I am bearing in mind the cross section idea of the exhibition including a number of his very late exhibitions.

I would rather not commit myself on any additions from this gallery as his paintings are far greater in demand than in production, and we do have to retain several to show the many visitors who come from various parts of the country. If we do have something more available, I shall send it to you for the exhibition and it can be not in

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Staff, Many Thanks Surenely Ed. Gellagher

### CITY ART MUSEUM OF ST. LOUIS ST. LOUIS 5, MISSOURI



November 19, 1952

Mrs. Edith Halpert Downtown Gallery 32 E 51 Street New York 22, New York

Dear Mrs. Halpert:

Thank you very much for your kind letter of November 14. It is indeed a great pleasure to me to be associated with Mr. Rathbone and the City Art Museum. I look forward to seeing you when I am next in New York.

With kind regards, believe me

Sincerely,

Bill Eisande ath

William N. Eisendrath Jr. Assistant to the Director

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Hovember 7, 1962.

Mrs. Thomas A. Tarr, Box 504, Bartlesville, Oklahoma.

Dear Mrs. Tarri

It is difficult to state clearly the price range of O'Leeffe paintings because the size, subject and date have strong bearing on the variation. I can simply say that her paintings may be purchased for \$6000.00 down to \$500.00, with a choice depending entirely on the taste and budget of the purchaser. Since O'Leeffe is her own severest critic, paintings which she releases for exhibition and for sale are all top quality.

To be more specific, I can give you the actual prices of the paintings in the Philbrook Art Center exhibition.

Maple and Gedar (1923) Thighbone on Black Strips		1,500.00
In the Patio V (1948) Autumn Leaves #2 (1927)	(4545)	5,000.00 4,000.00
Brooklyn Bridge (1948) Waterfall 1 (1944)		5,000.00

If any of these paintings interest you particularly, please let me know and we can arrange to have the painting or paintings removed from the exhibition which is to continue to Dallas, Texas. I can also send you photographs of other paintings, if you will indicate your preference as to subject and price range.

Sincerely yours,

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# VOGUE

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November 25, 1952

Mrs. Edith Ralpert Downtown Gallery 32 East 51st Street New York, N. Y.

Dear Edith,

We are delighted to send you a copy of the December Vogue where in our feature, MORE ART THAN MONEY, on pages 128 and 129 you will find photographs of the John Marin oil and the George Morris oil.

We do so hope you will enjoy this issue which you should receive within a few days.

Cordially yours,

Allene Talmey Feature Editor COLLEGE OF

FINE ARTS school of ARCHITECTURE . School of MUSIC . School of ART

SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY . SYRACUSE 10, NEW YORK

November 18, 1952

Miss Edith Halpert 32 East 51 Street New York 22, New York

Dear Miss Halpert:

I hope to be in New York the Friday after Thanksgiving probably not before 2 or 3 p.m. If I fail to show up on Friday can this job of selecting Mrs. Marin be done the next day? You name the schedule and I'll be there.

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Mr. James Denton Hogan, Department of Art, University of Illinois, Urbana, Ill.

Dear Mr. Hogan;

We will be glad to hold the following paintings and soulpture for your exhibition, and will have them ready for Hayes to collect on February 10th or 11th, 1953:

Burlin, Paul - Calypso
Kuniyoshi, Kasuo - Amazing Juggler
Levine, Jack - The Abundant Life
Morris, George L.K. - East River Nooturne
Shahn, Ben - Second Allegory
Tam, Reuben - Dark Wave
Zerbe, Karl - The Inventor
Davis, Stuart - Rapt at Rappaport's
Karfiel, Bernard - Nude on Red Couch

King, Villiam - Sheba Zorach, William - Dancer Resting

Sincere yours,

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# THE TOLEDO MUSEUM OF ART

TOLEDO 2, OHIO November 22, 1952

Mrs. Edith G. Halpert The Downtown Gallery 32 East 51st Street New York 22, N. Y.

Dear Mrs. Halpert:

receipt of the photographs of the four HARNETT paintings. They did come quite promptly, and unfortunately we are still in the process of discussing them. As I wrote you earlier, it is always difficult for museums to come to quick decisions, and I don't want you to reserve any of these on our account.

I'll try to let you know just as soon as anything develops one way or the other.

Sincerely yours,

Otto Wittmann, Jr.
Assistant Director

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MRS. THOMAS A. TARR BARTLESVILLE, OKLAHOMA 3 November 52

Downtown Gallery 32 Best 51st Street New York, New York

Gentlemen:

I wonder if it would be possible for you to give me some idea of the general price range of paintings by Georgia O'Keeffe. I should also appreciate your advising me as to the availability of her paintings. As one point of reference, maybe you could tell me whether any of her paintings which you presently have loaned the Philbrook massum in Tulsa, Oklahoma are for sale, and, if so, at what prices.

Very truly yours,

Mrs. Thomas A. Tarr Mrs. Thomas A. Tarr

Mr. W. M. Kelley, 1616 Versailles Road, Lexington, Kentucky.

Dear Mr. Kelley:

Thank you for sending the material to me.

I am sorry that this type of material does not quite fit in with our present plans and would, therefore, suggest that you communicate with one of the many other galleries in New York.

Sincerely yours,

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Mr. Edward V. Vervick, E. V. Ayer & Son, Inc., Vest Washington Square, Philadelphia, 5, Pa.

Dear Mr. Varwick:

Thanks for your extremely kind letter of November 7th. I did understand you about Siporin,
and I think it was my letter that was ambiguous.
I meant to say that I would ask Siporin whether
he would like to have a go at another quotation.
I will keep in touch with you about Kuniyoshi.
Best regards.

Sincerely yours,

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Mr. Solomon B. Smith, Executive Vice President, Northern Trust Company, 50 La Balle Street, Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Smith:

Our new porter must have made an error in labelling the cases containing the Brancer paintings - for which I am extremely sorry.

Would you pleas e have the painting repacked and shipped prepaid with an insurance valuetion of \$1,200.00 to:

> Mr. Joseph G. Butler, Director, The Butler Art Institute, 524 Wick Avenue, Youngstown, Ohio.

Please send us the bill for the express charges.

Sincerely yours,

GA: ml

November 28, 1952

Mr. Charles Alan Associate Director The Downtown Gallery 32 East 51st Street New York 22, New York

Dear Mr. Alan:

In answer to your letter of November 26, we will repack the Spencer "Silver Tanks" and ship it prepaid to the address indicated with an insurance valuation of \$900.00. As requested, we will forward the bill for the express charges.

I assume that our picture "The Watch Factory" has gone to Mr. Smith and will be returned to us by him.

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Very truly pours,

Jos. G. Butler,

Director

JGB:b1

Movember 20, 1982.

Mr. Frenk Hurd, 277 Park Avenue, Hew York, N Y.

#### Dear Frank:

We have returned your painting, "West Eighth" by Niles Spencer, and I hope you received it in good condition. I cannot tell you how grateful we are for your generosity. painting did much to make the exhibition a success and a fitting tribute to this fine artist. Without your painting, the exhibition, intended to be a survey of Spencer's work during the last four years of his life, would not have been complete. Again - our thanks.

Sincerely yours,

Mr. Edward J. Gallagher, Jr., 3501 Edmor Road, Baltimore, 18, Md.

Dear Mr. Gallagher:

I cannot tell you how pleased I was to hear from you, although I had hoped to have the pleasure of seeing you in person long before this.

You must be quite excited about the forthcoming exhibition at the Baltimore Museum. This is one time that I will break my routine and actually get away from New York to visit an out-of-town exhibition. The occasion certainly warrants it.

It is wonderful that part of the collection will be reproduced in solor. So few of the paintings today suggest in black and white their full quality, as color has become the most vital factor in the overall construction. I am sure that the artists will be delighted and will be very happy that they cooperated with you in this good cause.

Although you are not ready to add to the collection at present, I hope that you will continue visiting up just the same. It is always so nice to see you.

Sincerely yours,

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SZOLD & BRANDWEN SO BROAD STREET NEW YORK 4, N.Y.

November 5, 1952

Mrs. Edith Halpert 32 East 51st Street New York, N.Y.

Dear Mrs. Halpert:

I am enclosing herewith a bill for disbursements which has been on our books for a long time. I would appreciate a check in payment thereof. I am making no charge for legal services in connection with some of the matters which we handled for you and which files I have returned to you.

Sincerely yours,

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Mr. Ralph A. Anderson, Jr. Committee Chairman Contemporary Arts Association of Houston 302 Dallas Avenue Houston 3, Texas

Dear Mr. Anderson:

I assume that you communicated with the various lenders we suggested on October 20th. Meanwhile, I am enclosing our memorandum of the paintings which will be sent directly from this gallery via any shipper that you may decide on for handling the pick-up and the packing.

There is a fair chance that we may have one or two additional pictures in time for the show and also I can send you some additional names of owners if you should have any difficulty obtaining the paintings listed. I am also enclosing biographical notes and shall send you photographs if you need them, and will so indicate.

Sincerely yours

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fovember 21, 1962.

Mr. Charles Sherman, 4208 Tuckahoe Road, Kemphis, Tenn.

Dear Mr. Sherman:

After we sent you a bill I noticed that two of the prices seemed rather high, and checked our records and with Clear immediately. You will find enclosed our check together with a credit elip which explains the matter. As seen as the framer delivers the prints to us, we shall ship them to you.

It was very nice meeting you and Mrs. Sherman, and I hope to have the pleasure of seeing you both again.

Sincerely yours,

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# DEPARTMENT OF ART

College of Fine and Applied Arts

University of Illinois, Urbana

November 21, 1952

Mr. Charles Alan The Downtown Gallery 32 East 51st Street New York, New York

Dear Mr. Alan:

May we have confirmation from you on the selection of the following paintings and sculpture for our annual exhibition which will be held here at the University of Illinois from February 28th through April 12th, 1953?

Burlin, Paul - Calypso
Kuniyoshi, Yasuo - Amazing Juggler
Levine, Jack - The Abundant Life
Morris, George L.K. - East River Nocturne
Shahn, Ben - Second Allegory
Tam, Reuben - Dark Wave
Zerbe, Karl - The Inventor
Davis, Stuart - Rapt at Rappaport's
Karfiol, Bernard - Nude on Red Couch

King, William - Sheba Zorach, William - Dancer Resting

Our collecting dates for the above by Hayes Storage Co., 305 East 61st Street, New York City will be February 10th and 11th.

Entry cards will go forward to you within a month or so for confirmation of price, insurance valuation, et cetera.

Sincerely yours,

James Denton Hogan



#### Wellfleet on Cape Cod, Massachusetts

1200 East Atlantic Avenue, Delray Beach, Florida -Thomas A. GagRone, President W. Warner Lang, Treasurer Nathaniel Sationstall, Director

Nov. 29. 1952

Mrs. Edith Halpert The Downtown Gallery 32 East 51 Street New York, N.Y.

Dear Edith:

Your ears must have been burning Thanksgiving Day. I had dinner with Hensel and Hare. And I thought I was your only true love. What's this about sailors having a lover in every port?

Channing took a walk on Palm Blvd. He had on cherry red pants. Couldn't possibly imagine people whistling at us, but they did. Could it have been the color? And don't quote me. Such nice guys and they've been wonderful about giving me names for the invitation list. He really took a good three hours going thru the Social Index of Palm Beach and Miami.

I'm glad the question of the trucker has been settled. I spoke to Nat and he told of the arrangements made with you.

Nothing eventual, exciting that is, happened on the way down. In Darien, Georgia, was stopped for doing 75 miles per hour. All I said to the big baboon Georgia cracker..."but don't be silly, officer, I couldn't possibly get that lil ole Rambler, loaded down as it is, to do 75!"... all he said was, " are you trying to make a damn liar out of me!" So I paid the \$20 fine. I should argue?

Hit Palm Beach. And it hit is right back. The water pump went. Dead that is. It started in Daytona Beach. Had to get out and put water in the radiator every ten miles. I also took advantage of the water facilities. Everytime I gave the damn car a drink, I took one too. With Bourbon. Arrived in a fine frame of mind. So I'm told.

About the lights. They were working fine until last nite. Of course, it just occured to me, I hadn't used them at nite. Why wouldn't they have worked fine? So I'm smelling a nasty smell hast nite...I quickly put all the lights out...couldn't see a damn things and nearly started a miniature Chicgo halo-caust...silly box with excelsior was right in the way of the lighted match.

Wire me when you decide to come down on the 19 or 20th, will try to meet you if at all possible... as yet have not been able to hire anyone to help me.

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that they can be easily traced.

We would appreciate hearing

from you as own as possible, as

we are anxious to know where

the drawing are, as well as eager to

get then upon the wall.

Sencerely yours.

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(Mrs len M.)

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when they have been received. The are delighted to sun the Knip schild. Thank you for your cooperation

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## BIRMINGHAM MUSEUM OF ART 711 Nineteenth Street, North BIRMINGHAM 3, ALABAMA

Jace B. Salth, Chairman Richard F. Boward, Descror

November 6, 1952

Mrs. Edith Halpert Downtown Callery 32 East 51st Street New York, N. Y.

Dear Miss Halpert:

This will confirm our tentative selections for our American Annual show to be held at the Birmingham Museum of Art on May 3-25. The ones selected are:

MIOSK or alternate No. 192 by Karl Zerbe
VARIATION OF A STEEL MILL by Lewandowski
ACT OF LEGISLATURE by Jack Levine or alternate THE OATH
STILL LIFE WITH ROSES or FOUR ISLANDS by Walter Meigs
EXODUS by Wallace Reiss
ELAN VITAL by Robert Preusser
LONDON by Herbert Katzman
GALAXY by Robert Kempschild
SAND AND SKY or PROMISED LAND by Julian Levi

I will of course, write you again as the time approaches. I am very glad to have your cooperation and help in this exhibition which I am hoping will develop into an amual affair of some importance and which may even form the nucleus of our American collection at the Birmingham Museum of Art.

Sincerely yours,

Richard F. Howard

Director

RFH/sw

Mrs. George Heller, Birney Lane, Ossining, New York.

Dear Hrs. Heller:

I have not seen you in such a long time.

I am hoping that you will get to the gallery during our Christmas exhibition, because the artists have delivered more important paintings at insignificant prices than ever before. Do try to come in.

Sincerely yours,

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Movember 11, 1962.

Mr. Henry Jeffe, 211 Rosedale Ave., White Plains, New York.

Dear Kr. Jaffet

Iou will receive a printed announcement of our annual Christmas exhibition. In spite of that I am writing you this letter to arge you to pay us a visit because this year our artists have delivered such outstanding examples.

It seems to me that it was just two years ago that you acquired the Brice as an anniversary gift, and your anniversary must again be approaching. I am sure you will find a painting ideally suited to your taste and that of Kiss Muir.

Sincerely yours,

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# THE DAYTON ART INSTITUTE

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U.S.A.

November 1, 1952

The Downtown Gallery, Inc. 32 East 51st Street New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

Enclosed please find the checking slip for the twelve paintings sent from your gallery by Budworth and Son for use in our Circulating Gallery. The paintings have all arrived safely, and have been insured for twe-thirds the purchase price, as agreed.

Since I have just been appointed to the position of Executive Secretary of the Circulating Gallery, I would like to thank you for your co-operation with the Callery in the past, and will welcome any suggestions you may have.

Sincerely yours,

Janet S. Denithorne

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Nov. 14, 1952

Downtown Jallery 32 East Slat Street New York City, New York

Dear Sire:

I have in my possession a picture painted by Ralston Crawford entitled "Pennsylvania Barn" which be painted while at Maitland, Fla. I am wondering what the present valuation of this painting is. Also I would like to know if you are interested in purchasing it or selling it for me.

Yours sincerely,

John H. Grainer

3929 Byors Avenue Fort Worth, Texas

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(N) Mollie Higgins Smith ART GALLERY nov. 12, 1952. Woodstock, New York Phune 2820 Dear Edich Halferd: Did you forgue that you were going to soud and a couple og Kuniyoshi listrographa or Etchings? I know you are busy, but I am opling another group show on Nov. 22 nd with The Rause men as before and would like something to replace the omes of his that tisald, final. send unprawed by mail ast will show under glass. Very summerely unblie Higgwo swith

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Mr. John O'Connor, Assistant Director, Department of Fine Arts, Carnegie Institute, Pittsburgh, 15, Pa.

Dear Mr. O'Connor:

Hrs. Halpert and I were amused to discover that our friend, Mr. Alfred E. Jones, Jr., of Uniontown, was the person who made the offer on the Katzman. Now I have received a letter from Mr. Jones informing me that he would like to purchase the painting at its full price. Will the Carnegie Institute make it available for sale to him? Apparently, he is agreeable to leaving the painting for exhibition at the California Palace, and if you would allow him to make the purchase we would appreciate it if you would delivery the painting to him in Uniontown at the close of the exhibition.

Sincerely yours,

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Mrs. F. B. Edwards, Virginia City, Nevada.

Dear Krs. Edwards:

Much as I would like to be of help to you, I am, however, completely unfamiliar with the name listed in your letter.

Perhaps it would be a good idea to have a photograph made of the picture and have it sent to Mr. McIntyre of the Macheth Gallery, li East 37th Street, New York, New York, who is an expert in the Hudson River School.

Sincerely yours,

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cuts Narrow Cove. We flan to open august 1 west summer, you are invited ofening, to arrange for a holiday Rece at that time. We have the X. E. Field Collection. also some good loans, to start with. Horvever, we do want to start fwell. so please don't be affended if I hold out the Kunifordi drawing on you. Twant to save its Ausrican Kemiere for the newseum ofening, so that any critics who come up for the opening from New york will bave a flw real cleves to see for the forst time. The Bal Dream is one of our few buries for the obening, be was associated with all the gang ane. contribers are responsible for obtaining written permission on both artist and purchaser involved. If it cannot be stabilished after a reasonable search whether an artist or urchaser is living, it can be assumed that the information asy be published 60 years after the date of sale.

November 14, 1952.

Mr. William N. Elsendrath, City Art Museum, St. Louis, Missouri.

## Dear Mr. Elsendrath:

I read with great pleasure of your appointment at the City Art Museum, and as sending you this note with wishes for great success.

Perhaps you will have more occasion to come to New York hereafter. It is always so nice to see you.

Sincerely yours,

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November 15,1962.

Mrs. Allan H. Rosenthal, 44 East 67 Street, New York, N. Y.

Dear Mrs. Rosenthal:

The Marin book is here. Shall we deliver it, or will you pick it up when you come to the gallery on Monday?

I do hope you are coming in on Monday, because we have a new painting by Carroll Clear of New York back yards, which will be more than a consolation prize for missing the Zorach.

Sincerely yours,

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wer is nvilly, it can be assumed that his intermed we published 60 years after the date of sale. Mrs. Robert Sarnoff, 350 Park Avenue, New York, H. Y.

Dear Mrs. Sernoff:

I have not seen you now the poodle on Park Avenue recently, and somehow it seems to me I heard that you and Mr. Sarmoff were on the Coast. I am hoping that you will be back during the next few weeks in time for our annual Christmas exhibition. We have a new small Ouglielmi and several new paintings by Cloar which I am anxious to show you.

Sincerely yours,

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### CARNEGIE · INSTITUTE DEPARTMENT · OF · FINE · ARTS PITISBURGH · PENNSYLVANIA

GORDON-BAILET-WASHBURN DORECTOR

November 10, 1952

Mr. Charles Alan, Associate Director The Downtown Gallery 52 East 51st Street New York 22, New York

Dear Mr. Alan:

I am writing, in Mr. O'Connor's absence from the office, to acknowledge with thanks your letter of November 5 stating that Mr. Jones is now willing to pay \$300.00 for "The Bath" by Herbert Katzman.

You will find enclosed a copy of the letter I have written Mr. Jones confirming the sale of the painting to him. We are pleased that you were able to get the full price for it.

Sincerely yours,

Emily Roberts

Secretary to John O'Connor, Jr. Associate Director

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# THE ART INSTITUTE OF CHICAGO

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MEYRIC R. ROGERS, Carator Movember 25, 1952

Mrs. Edith Gregor Halpert 32 Bast 51st Street New York 22, New York

Dear Krs. Halpert:

Enclosed you will find the check to cover our Folk Art purchases.

As soon as our photographer succeeds in taking a picture of the weathervanes installation I'll send you a copy.

Yery best.

Yours alne erely

Mayric & Rogers

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forember 7th, 1962.

Miss Kathryn E. Gamble, Acting Director, The Montolair Art Museum, South Mountain and Blockfield Avenues, Nontolair, New Jersey.

Dear Mrs. Gemble:

We shall be glad to cooperate with you in connection with your forthcoming exhibition. We have several Harnetts in our possession, as well as paintings by Hope, Cope and Mans. I would suggest that you come in to see the material for selection.

Sincerely yours,

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thed 60 years after the date of sale.

Mr. Wright Ludington, Sycamore Canyon Road, Senta Barbara, California.

Dear Mr. Ladington:

Some months ago we received from the Coast a painting by Niles Spencer entitled "Edge of the City" and which you purchased from us in June 1944 for \$700.00.

We would like to have specific instructions regarding this painting. Do you want us to sell it for you on commission and send you the credit against a future purchase? Do you want to exchange it for another Spencer? If the latter, I would arge quick action, as Spencer left a very limited number of paintings, of which his widow is releasing only four or five.

I had hoped to see you on your return from Europe, and I look forward to your annual Christmas visit.

Sincerely yours,

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Hovember 10, 1952

Mr. Alfred E. Jones, Jr. Mein and Court Streets Uniontown, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Jones:

A letter has just come from the Downtown Gallery stating that you wish to purchase "The Bath" by Herbert Katzun at \$500.00. This letter will confirm that it is sold to you. We are glad that you are to have it.

As you know, the painting will be exhibited at San Francisco during the month of February and will not be turned over to you until sometime in March of 1953. In the meantime, Carnegie Institute is insuring it for \$300.00 until it is in your possession.

You may send the check payable to the Downtown Gallery for \$300.00 direct to the gallery. We would appreciate having a copy of the letter of transmittel for our files, as we like to keep a complete record on all makes from the International here at Carnegie Institute.

Mr. O'Connor is not well at the present time, and that is why I am writing you in his stead.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to John C'Connor, Jr. Associate Director ed after a reasonable search whether an artist or ris living, it can be assumed that the information whilehold 90 years after the date of sale.

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16 November 1952

The Downtown Gallery 32 East 51 Street New York 22, New York

Attn: Edith Gregor Halpert, Director

Dear Miss Halpert:

Thank you very much for your informative reply to my inquiry regarding Georgia O'Keeffe's paintings.

I live in a rather small spartment and would want a small painting at this time, preferably as small as LONG ISLAND SUNSET. Some of my favourites among O'Keeffe subjects have been the WHITE BARN series, BLACK CROSS, NEW MEXICO, RANCHOS CHURCH, and the above-mentioned LONG ISLAND SURSET.

If you should have any small paintings, preferably under one thousand dollars, I should be very happy to see photographs of them.

Very truly yours,

Mrs. Thomas A. Tarr

Nov. 28, 1952

Mr. Charles Sheeler Dows Lane Irvington, New York

Dear Mr. Sheeler:

I am working as coordinator on a rather large art program for a twelve story building in the midwest which offers excellent opportunities for mural paintings.

Would you consider sending me some visual material of your work which would indicate your current thinking in relation to mural painting?

The artists working on this project are not in competition with one another. We know fairly well the kind of art work we want. We are not thinking of the murals as grandiose illustrations or thin decorations nor primarily conservative or completely abstract, but rather the kind that are universal and have a real depth of concept. Our over-all theme is "Mirror for Man".

It is my earnest hope that you will respond.

Sincerely,

Warren T. Mosman Art Consultant

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November eighteenth, 1 9 5 2

June 17

Mr. James E. Allen, Jr., 4 Milburn Park, Evenston, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Allen:

Thank you for sending me the photograph.

In return, I am sending you a catalogue of our most recent exhibition. This includes a great deal of data about the artist, which may be of interest to you.

It is very difficult - particularly in Marnett's case - to judge a painting from a photograph. He had so many imitators, that to decide from a reproduction is impossible. If you would like to get the valuation of the picture, I should be glad to help you. However, it would be necessary to send the picture to us for examination. There will be no charge for this service. The only expense involved for you will be the packing, transportation and insurance.

Sincerely yours,

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November 3, 1952

Mrs. Edith G. Halpter, Director Downtown Gallery 32 E 151st Street New York, New York

Dear Mrs. Halpert:

Mr. Peppino Mangravite, who is graciously acting as Chairman of our Painting Jury this year, and I will be in New York City to do the major amount of the inviting for the 148th Annual Exhibition of Oil inviting for the 148th Annual Exhibition of Oil and Sculpture which this year will be held in the Academy from January 25th through March 1st, 1953.

The days we have chosen are November 10th, 11th, 12th and 13th. We will, of course, be calling upon you and if there are times within those four days when our call would be more propitious than others, I would appreciate a note from you.

With many, manythanks in advance for the splendtd attention you give us each year and hoping there will be particularly fine things available, I am

Very sincerely,

Joseph T. Fraser, Jr. Director

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November thirteenth, 1 9 5 2

Mr. I. H. Vogel, 1901 Walmit Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Vogel:

In order to tempt you into the contemporary American field, I am serving you this special invitation for an advance viewing of our forthcoming Christmas exhibition.

Our Christmas exhibition is always an eagerly anticipated art event. This year, however, the artists have outdone themselves and the show includes an unprecedented selection of superb examples by leading American artists, at prices for below the market value.

The show opens officially on Tuesday, November 18th, but you will be welcome on Monday before the mobs arrive.

It will be nice to see you and Mrs. Vogel.

Sincerely yours,

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## THE MARCH OF TIME

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369 LEXINGTON AVENUE NEW YORK 17, N. Y.

November 25, 1952

Dear Edith:

My wife and I wish to thank you for a most pleasant and exciting evening. We think you are a wonderful hostess.

I feel that you are extremely thoughtful to want to consider the needs of other people and your effort in my behalf by introducing me to Sidney was a very generous act.

It is my belief that the ideas discussed have an excellent chance for success.

Sincerely yours,

JULIUS TANDERBAUM

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Movember 7, 1962.

Mr. Allen McNab, Director, University of Mismi, Coral Gables, 46, Florida.

Dear Mr. McNab:

Thank you for your letter. You have been so kind that I am almost embarrassed with your extraordinary cooperation.

Nathaniel Seltonstall and Thomas Gaglions were here this morning, and selected their first exhibition a Christmas show of paintings from \$500.00 down to practically nothing. Following your suggestion, the major show will be held in January, and will be a one man Sheeler exhibition which you wanted last year and which, no doubt, you will want to show with Saltonstall this year. Tom Gaglione will call on you in person during the week of Movember 10th and will discuss details with you, if you are still inter-We are also talking of an O'Keeffe ested, etc. exhibition for the month of March. The latter is not final as O'Keeffe has ideas of her own and is not always in agreement with her erratio agent (and vice Tersa).

The boys are really delighted with your offer of cooperation and are greatly encouraged as to the future. It is too bad that Mrs. Perry did not meet Baltonstall. They would have liked each other immensely. I thought she was swell and enjoyed talking with her.

So many friends in Florida, I may even chance a trip there this winter - before the upper class start their activities.

When you and Tom decide specifically on the Sheeler and O'Leeffe shows, please advise me so that I can send you a list of prospective lenders, including The Downtown Gallery.

Again, many thanks and best regards.

Sincerely yours.

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Movember 24, 1952.

Mr. Stanley Char, 3652 Trousseau Street, Honolulu, 40, Mawaii.

Dear Mr. Char:

By the time your letter reached us, the two paintings about which you inquired had been sold. I am sorry that this is your second experience along these lines.

Most of these artists are rather unpreflective and the interest in harrisan are is, increasely, and the interest in harrisan are is, increasely, or interest in the atometry of small oraustime. Mosever, we have a greap of small oraustime. Mosever, we have a greap of small oraustime. Interest in the price of the polesies of the following you appropriately or interest in the price of these sent to be the your like to have any of these sent to you?

Under separate cover, I on mailing you a rather old itams of a brochure shich inlustrates the work of that period by the artists secontated with the gallery. To doubt you have seen many subsequent reproductions in various art publications. If any of them interest you particularly we can send you a selection of photographs. Do let me know.

Sincerely yours,

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Mr. Stanley Chore,

November 24, 1962.

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# THE PHILLIPS GALLERY

A COLLECTION OF MODERN ART AND ITS SOURCES 1600 TWENTY-FIRST ST., N. W. WASHINGTON 9, D. C.

Ouncan Phillips, Director Marjorie Phillips, Associate Director Elmira Bier, Assistant to Director In Charge of Music

November 5, 1952

Vmira Bier

Mr. Charles Alan
The Downtown Gallery
32 F. 51st Street, New York 22, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Alan:

I trust it is not too late to acknowledge your letter of October 22nd and tell you that Mr. Phillips is quite willing for you to include our painting "Egg Beater #1" by Stuart Davis in your joint show of that artist and Kuniyoshi. Trusting our delay has not been of serious inconvenience,

Sincerely yours,

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November 15, 1962.

Mr. Harold Goldsmith, Ridgefield, Connecticut.

Dear Harold:

Some weeks ago I wrote you about our exhibition of the Davis and Kuniyoshi paintings which were at the Venice Biennale. As we have had no enswer from you we are assuming that, unless we hear from you to the contrary, it will be agreeable to you for us to show your painting, "Strong Woman and Child", and we shall see that it is returned to you at the close of our exhibition on December 27th.

Sincerely yours,

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November 12, 1952

Charles Alam, Associate Director Downtown Gallery 32 East 51st Street New York City, New York

Dear Mr. Alan,

Thank you for your letter of November 10 and for the suggestions concerning sources for the Shahm and Kumiyoshi paintings. We shall certainly try our luck with them. Actually the plans for the forthcoming modern show here in Denver are shaping up very well. We do thank you for your offer of assistance in feretting out other artists and paintings. We shall avail ourselves of the offer, if we run into other problems.

Sincerely yours,

Otto Kerl Back (f. U.)

Otto Karl Bach Director. researchers are responsible for obtaining written permission from both artist and purchaser involved. If it cannot be established after a reasonable search whether an artist or purchaser is living, it can be assumed that the information may be published 60 years after the date of sale.

Mr. Robert M. Church, Director, Philbrook Art Center, 2727 South Rockford Road, Tulsa, 5, Oklahoma.

Dear Mr. Church!

Thank you for sending me the clippings.

I am very curious about the reception the exhibition had and what prospects you have of either making a sale or an acquisition. I still feel obligated to O'Keeffe, and will have to write to her about the exhibition and its results. Won't you please let me know? We shall expect the paintings here early next month.

Sincerely yours,

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Bow York, M. Y.

#### Dear Madem:

I hope you will forgive me for being so slow but of the three paintings you selected for consideration, only one photograph is available but two of the paintings can be sent to you on approval immediately.

Your first choice - "The Rose Garden" is in Connecticut and cannot be returned to New York until the latter part of next seek. If you would rather wait and have all three pictures sent then, I shall be very glad to carry out your wishes.

It was nice to see you again.

Sincerely yours,

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Movember twentieth,

Mr. Hugo Kastor, 907 Fifth Avenue, Ben York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Kastor:

I expected to see you the first crack of dawn on Monday to pick up all your Christmas gifts. The show is really extraordinary and there are amazing buys as low as \$25. to compete with Christmas ties.

Thy don't you and Mrs. Kastor drop in? It will be so nice to see you again after the evening which I so much enjoyed.

Sincerely yours,

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MRS. THOMAS A. TARR
BOX 804
BARTLESVILLE, OKLAHOMA
29 November 1952

Edith Gregor Halpert, Director The Downtown Gallery 32 East 51 Street New York 22, New York

Dear Miss Halpert:

Thank you very much for sending the three photographs of O'Keeffe paintings for my consideration. I should like to take advantage of your offer to allow me to see the originals of 3 or 4 of her smaller paintings. Please include "Lake George Barn" and "Little Pink Apple". The photograph of the latter appealed to me instantly, but my husband rather preferred the other two. I believe that "Ranchos Church" is his preference of O'Keeffe paintings which he has seen thus far,

on the paintings, I should rather that you bill me so that I can pay you by check. If, however, it is your policy that the Post Office handle the charges, I shall of course agree to this procedure. Since I have had no experience in insuring objects of considerable value for mailing, your instructions for returning the paintings will be appreciated.

I should like to keep the photographs until the paintings arrive and then I shall return them to you.

Very truly yours,

Who . Thomas Tarr

DIVISION OF BARE BOOKS AND MANUSCRIPTS

#### UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA CHARLOTTESVILLE ALDERMAN LIBRARY

29 November 1952

Dear Mrs. Halpert:

This is to remind you that I am still interested in discussing with you the possibility of scheduling a Georgia O'Keeffe show at the University of Virginia this spring.

However, it is necessary that I understand the term "guaranteed sales" as used by your Gallery. Also, I should like an estimate of the other expenses (packing, shipping, insurance, etc.) in order to present it to our Librarian.

I do hope that it will be possible to work out these details because even the prospect of an O'Keeffe exhibition is a thrilling one.

Yours sincerely,

Ruth Evelyn Byed.

(Miss) Ruth Evelyn Byrd Assistant in Rare Books

Mrs. Edith G. Halpert Birector of Downtown Gallery 32 East 51st Street . New York 22, New York

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Miss Rathryn E. Gemble, Acting Director, The Montchir Art Museum, South Mountain and Bloomfield Avenues, Montchair, New Jersey.

Dear Miss Gamble:

Enclosed you will find the list of the paintings you selected for your exhibition. The selling prices and insurance valuations are listed. Will you please let me know when they will be called for so that se may have them ready at the time. The Peto, as you may recall, was uniraned but no doubt you will find a frame of that dimension in your stock.

I am sorry that I had to leave you when you were here but it was one of those unfortunate hectic days. I hope to see you again at a more leisurely moment.

Sincerely yours,

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November 19, 1962,

Mr. Reginald Poland, Director, Norton Gallery of Art, Pioneer Park, West Palm Beach, Florida.

Dear Mr. Poland:

Mrs. Halpert handed me your postoard inquiring about polymer tempers.

This medium is actually a tempera in which the emulsifier is synthetic plastic known as polymer. Dry pigment and water, as you know, are not adhesive nor will they truly mix. The plastic acts exactly as egg as used in old fashioned tempera. The medium allows for far greater variety of effect than normal egg. tempera. It can be built into a heavy impaste or employed in very light glazes. It dries extremely hard, and according to tests performed by the Fogg, it promises to be quite permanent. Polymer, which is colorless, was originally used by the Fogg as a protective coating for old master paintings — similar to a varnish.

We will send you a selection of lithographs by Stuart Davis for your approval.

Sincerely yours,

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Dear Tons

Since the spelling of the names would dislocate the entire sestern Union system, I am sending this via ir mail special delivery. The list with titles, together with the insurance valuations and biographical notes will follow tomorrow.

Raymond Breinin
Paul Burlin
Ralaton Crawford
Stuart Davis
David Fredenthal
Louis Guglielmi
Bernard Karflol
Jacob lawrence
Wesley Lea
Julian Levi
Edward Marin
Edward Millsen

Georgia O'Reeffe
Ben Shahn
Mitchell Siperin
Charlen Sheeler
Reuben Tum
Karl Zerbe
William Zorach
Carroll Clear
Herbert Estama
Josep Kinigstein
Walter Meigs
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KATHRYN E, GAMBLE ACTING DIRECTOR

#### THE MONTCLAIR ART MUSEUM

MONTCLAIR ART ASSOCIATION
SOUTH MOUNTAIN AND BLOOMFIELD AVENUES
TELEPHONE MONTCLAIR 3-2515
MONTCLAIR, N. J.

November 6, 1952

Mrs. Edith G. Halpert Downtown Gallery 32 East 51st Street New York 22, New York

Dear Mrs. Halpert:

The Montclair Art Museum is preparing an exhibition to open in December which is called "The Illusion of Reality." May I request the loan of your William Harnet "Music and Good Luck" 1881. I am most eager to have a Harnet in this show as you can well understand, so if your painting is not available, would you be so kind as to put me in touch with someone in New York from whom I might borrow.

In April of 1948 your gallery featured a trompe-l'oeil exhibition and if possible, would you be willing to put me in touch with the lenders who own paintings by Hope, Cope, Waax, Shalfant, Richard Goodwin, Alexander Pope, George Platt, J. M. Shinn, Charles Meurer, and Peto.

If your painting is available, our Museum will arrange for transportation, thus it is not necessary to box the painting. Our insurance covers the loan, both in transit and during the exhibition.

The exhibition opens on December seventh through the twenty-eighth, but the painting must be here by the first of December in time for installation.

Sincerely, Hamble

Kathryn E. Camble Acting Director

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GRAND RAPIDS ART GALLERY
230 FULTON STREET, E. - GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR.



November 24, 1952

The Downtown Gallery 32 East 51st Street New York, New York

Dear Sir:

The Lewandowski painting has been unpacked and found in good condition.

The Exhibit has opened, and is a tremendous success.

At the close of the exhibit I will write you the details about attendance, re-actions and tours.

Sincerely yours,

Richard Yonkers

Director

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Mr. James Johnson Sweeney, Director The Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum 1071 Fifth Avenue New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Sweeney!

Now that the Wright exhibition is in full swing, perhaps I can induce you to spend a few moments with me, either at the Guggen-heim Kuseum or at The Downtown Gallery. The latter would of course be preferable, for me. Any time convenient for you will be agreeable. Do let me know.

Sincerely yours

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November 24, 1952.

Mrs. Betty B. Connor, Who's Who in America, Marquis Publications Building, Chicago, 11, Illinois.

Dear Mrs. O'Connort

So that you may judge for yourself, I am enclosing biographical data on the artists associated with this gallery, selecting only those who have had a national reputation for many years.

The most important awards from a public standpoint are from the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, the Art Institute of Chicago, and Carnegie. In my estimation, however, the more important honors are the purchase awards made by such institutions as the University of Iowa, University of Illinois, Virginia Art Museum, etc., whose selection is much more careful since the painting is to remain in their permanent collection.

Also, in recent years there have been several polls. One, made by Look Magazine in February 1948, was the most significant because a cross-section of museum officials spent a good deal of time and thought in choosing the ten "great" artists. Those selected could consider themselves truly honored. The same holds true of the Venice Biennale, where a similarly careful - if more hasty - consideration was given.

There is no award for work of art comparable to the Nobel prise. This holds true of all phases in the field including art writers and critics, scholars, and museum directors. It is high time we had something of that kind in this country.

If you require any more information about any of the artists whose biographies are being sent to you, please let me know, as the data included is culled and is not inclusive.

Sincerely yours,

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### FOGG ART MUSEUM - HARVARD UNIVERSITY CAMBRIDGE 38, MASSACHUSETTS

The Library

November 19, 1952

Mrs. Edith G. Halpert, Director The Downtown Gallery 32 East 51st Street New York 22, New York

Dear Mrs. Halpert:

We should like to add to our photograph order of October 29th the following photograph, which the Institute of Contemporary Art tells us you can probably supply:

Jack Levine The Last King

If this photograph and the photographs noted in our letter of October 29th cannot be supplied, will you be good enough to let me know.

Both the photographs and bill should be addressed to the Fogg Museum Library, Harvard University.

Sincerely yours,

E. Louise Incas

Encl. (Permission from Mrs. Rand) Mr. Allan McNab, Director, Lowe Gallery, University of Mismi, Coral Gabels 46, Florida.

Dear Mr. McNabi

Thank you for your letter.

I certainly shall be delighted to see you and perhaps you can even find time to take dinner with me some evening during your stay.

Fon't you phone me when you arrive so that we can make a specific date?

Sincerely yours,

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ouber 7th, 1962.

Mr. Y. Stacey Dunham, 925 Rosnoke Ave., Hilleide, New Jersey.

Dear Mr. Dunham:

Thank you for sending me the photograph.

While it appears to be a very interesting picture, it is not quite in the category we are looking for at the moment; and, I am, therefore, returning the photograph to you.

Sincerely yours,

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Mr. Charles Alan, Assoc. Director The Downtown Gallery 32 East 5let Street New York 22, N. Y.

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Dear Mr. Alan:

We are loaming the painting "For Internal Use Only" by Stuart Davis to:

Mr. Otto Karl Bach, Director The Denver Art Museum 14th and Acoma Street Denver, Colorado

for their January 11th opening. We will appreciate your forwarding this painting via express collect direct to Denver on December 27th (the conclusion of your showing).

Thanks for your cooperation.

Cordially yours,

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MANAGER, ADVERTISING AND PUBLIC RELATIONS

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November 21, 1952

Mr. Charles Alan, Associate Director Downtown Gallery 52 East 51st Street New York City

Dear Mr. Alan:

In your letter of October 13th you mentioned that you would forward our request on to Mr. Breinin for information concerning his painting "The Cloak". We have had no word from Mr. Breinin as yet, I wondered if you could try to reach him again for us or give us his address so that we could write him directly.

We do not wish to approach Mrs. Howard for the loan of the painting until we have heard from Breinin.

We are always grateful for your help.

Sincerely,

Otto Karl Bach

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Director

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Mrs. Alfred Stern, 220 East 73rd St., New York, New York.

Dear Mrs. Stern:

In checking our stock, I find that your shahn drawing is still at the gallery. Enclosed is the receipt indicating that it is here. You't you and Mr. Stern come in some day before the helidays and select another example by this artist which will make you happy.

Sincerely yours,

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### THEODORE D. TAUSSIG 120 WALL STREET NEW YORK 5, N. Y.

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GENERAL INSURANCE LIFE INSURANCE

November 24th, 1952

Mrs. Edith G. Halpert 32 East 51st Street New York, N. Y.

> Re: American Folk Art Gallery Policy #IMP-79202

Dear Edith:

Pursuant to the instructions contained in your letter of October 25th, 1952 we are enclosing herewith two endorsements to be attached to the above-captioned policy.

The first changes the post office address to 43 East Slat Street, New York and adds the location "Manhattan Storage and Warehouse Co., 801-19 Seventh Avenue, New York". The company's liability at this latter location is limited to \$ 20,000.

The second endorsement sets a monthly rate of 6¢ per \$ 100. while on the premises of the Manhattan Storage and Warehouse Co. and 11¢ at other locations.

We trust that the foregoing meets with your approval.

Sincerely yours,

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P. S. Anything new as yet on the Zorach floater?

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pass word on to other gallaries that anything you may do to further the

November 4, 1952.

Mr. Edward W. Warick, N. W. Ayer & Son, Inc. West Washington Square, Philadelphia, 6.

Dear Mr. Warwick:

Thank you for your letter of October 31st. Of course, I am sorry that the Container Corporation people were not happy about Siporin's design. I have written him; and, as soon as I hear whether or not he would like to have another go at this, I will let you know.

As I believe I told you, Mr. Kuniyoshi underwent a somewhat serious operation a few weeks ago. The result of this operation is that he has been extremely weak, and unable to do any work. I think that it is very doubtful that he will be able to proceed with the design before another month. I do want to tell you though that I saw a preliminary pencil sketch and that it was extremely provocative and interesting. If you can possibly stall your client, I believe it will be worth while. Do let me hear from you about this.

I hate to bring personalities into such arrangement, but Kuniyoshi's illness has put him in a rather depressed state. Therefore, I am extremely loath to tell him that you have been forced to give this commission to someone else. It is just the kind of job that would start him working again; and, as I said, it really promises to be an outstanding example by this artist.

I am looking forward to seeing you when you are again in New York.

Sincerely yours,

CATEL

Mr. Alfred E. Jones, Jr., Main and Court Streets, Uniontown, Pa.

Dear Mr. Jonest

Everybody at the gallery considered the Shahn drawing one of his finest. I am happy that you have decided to keep it. Considering the price range of Shahn's at the present time, this drawing is not overprised. As a matter of fact, I did a little personal bargaining with Ben to get you the most favorable deal. Of course we will be The only stipulation glad to change the frame for you. is that you never tell Ben. He made this frame with his own hands, applied the leaf himself, and is extremely proud of it. I have a notion that it would look very handsome if we used the present frame as a sort of inner member and built a more important frame around it - thus preserving Shahn's handloraft. My suggestion is that you keep the drawing as is and bring it with you the next time you come to New York. Then we can discuse the framing problem together.

Mrs. Halpert and I were amused to discover that you were the person who made the offer on the Katsman. I might tell you that this picture has been generally admired, and especially by such experts as James Thrall Soby and Alfred Barr. How could we refuse to sell it to Mou? My only concern is: I hope the plumbing in your entique mountain cabin is more efficient than the mechanism shown in that painting. I do not think we have ever duaned you, and we will not start now. Take your time about settling this account. I will write Mr. O'Connor and ask him to release the painting for you. When we have heard from him we will send you a bill.

With best regards to you and your family, I remain Sincerely yours,

GASER

Mr. Alan Temple, 55 Wall Street, New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Temple:

I am so sorry to have missed you when you called at the gallery last week. However, I am glad that you had the opportunity of seeing a large group of Spencer's paintings simultaneously. No doubt you were convinced that you have an excellent example in your collection.

Although we sent you an amnouncement of our Christmas show and although the majority of the exhibits have already been sold, I would like to suggest that you come in very shortly to see what is still available. In most instances we have another example tucked away as a substitute for the following week. The opportunities offered are really unique.

I look forward to seeing you.

Sincersly yours,

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November 24, 1952

Mrs. Edith Halpert, Director The Downtown Gallery 32 East 51st Street New York 22, New York

Dear Edith:

Dorothy and I have been back a short time from our year in Spain which we enjoyed very much. There is so much to do, together with getting back into our house and alterations in this building that it is hard to say when we will be in New York, but I hope it will not be too far in the future.

We received Saturday, a box containing the Spencer painting called "Silver Tanks". No doubt this was sent in error and our picture
"The Watch Factory" has gone somewhere else. If you will let us know what arrangement you wish to make we will follow your instructions.

Perhaps we can exchange directly with whoever has our picture. We were glad to see it reproduced in the Art News but sorry not to receive credit. I shall like to have a couple of copies of the catalogue of the Spencer show.

Perhaps you have heard that we are changing the New Year Show into a summer exhibition, to be called the Mid-Year Show which will be held next July and August. We are stepping up the prizes to \$5,000 and really hope to create some interest. At least part of the exhibition will be invited, invitations to include former jurors and possibly some others. Any suggestions you may have will be welcomed.

With my best to you and all your staff, I am

Sincerely yours,

Jos C. Butler

Director

Mr. Byron G. Ives, 12889 Bothell Way, Seattle 55, Washington.

Dear Mr. Ives:

Thank you for sending the photochrome of the porcelain plaque.

This is so far out of our line that I do not believe we would be able to tell you anything about it.

Sincerely yours,

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Mr. Joseph G. Butler, Director, The Butler Art Institute, 524 Wick Avenue, Youngstown, Ohio.

Dear Mr. Butler:

Our new porter must have sade an error in labeling the cases containing the Spencer paintings - for which I am extremely sorry.

Would you please have the painting repacked and shipped prepaid with an insurance valuation of \$900.00 to:

> Mr. Solomon B. Smith, Executive Vice President, Northern Trust Company, 50 La Salle Street, Chicago, Illinois.

Please send us the bill for the express charges.

Edith and I both hope that you will not delay your visit to New York for too long.

Sincerely yours,

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November 25, 1952.

Mrs. Edith G. Halpert The Downtown Gallery 32 East 51st Street New York 22, N. Y.

Dear Mrs. Halpert:

Before we offered you the figurehead for the yacht, "Phantom", it was quoted and shown to Mr. Vietor, one of the directors of the Marine Museum. We had assumed that he was not interested, and accordingly wrote to you about it.

This morning, the curator of the Museum came and took it away. We are sorry that there has been this misunderstanding, but it seems unavoidable.

Very truly yours,

C. E. H. Whitlock Whitlock Building, north of Yale's great Memorial Tower CEHW :M

November 13, 1952.

Mr. Robert S. Heuman, 5275 College Avenue, Cakland, California.

Dear Mr. Meumant

We do not comtemplate adding to our list of artists before at least another year. However, if you would like to send us group photographs we would be glad to look at them, but since we have no plans we cannot commit ourselves. If you do send photographs, we would appreciate it if you would include a stamped self-addressed envelope for their return.

Sincerely yours,

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Mrs. William Paley, Manhasset, N. Y.

Dear Mrs. Peley:

If you are planning to include works of art in your Christmas giving, do come in to see the superb selection of paintings and sculpture by our entire group of artists.

They are all new exemples, priced far below the market value and within a range to fit a variety of Christmas budgets.

Sincerely yours.

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Mr. Leon M. Despres, 77 West Washington St., Chicago, 2, Illinois.

#### Dear Mr. Despres:

I am terribly embarrassed and very apologetic.
After Mrs. Despres left the dallery on Saturday,
I bhecked on your drawings, and was horrified to
learn that they had never been shipped. The only
excuse for this inefficiency that I can give you
is that we changed help and our new man did not
understand the directions. The drawings, however,
were shipped today and should arrive at the framer's
before this week is cut.

Please forgive me, and please believe that this gallery usually functions more efficiently.

It was a pleasure seeing Mrs. Despres again, and I do hope that you will pay us a visit the next time you are in New York.

Sincerely yours,

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November 14, 1952.

Mr. Meyric R. Rogers, The Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, 3, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Rogers:

I am very pleased that eight of my favorite sculptors are so well esconced in Chicago.

Since I am the Folk Art Gallery, will you please have the check made to me rather than to the gallery.

Sincerely yours,

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West Washington Square, Philadelphia 6

Mr. Charles Alan The Downtown Gallery 32 East 51st Street New York 22, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Alan:

Please do not feel we are putting any pressure on you or Mr. Kuniyoshi. We are so far ahead on this series that there would be no reason to take the commission from him. Please explain to him that we are entirely on his side-to take his time and to give us the finest design and painting that is his ability to produce.

Perhaps i did not make myself clear in my recent letter regarding Mitchell Siporin. As it now stands, it is impossible for him to take another go at the Thomas Paine quotation and we would have to find a new quotation for him to work with if he is interested.

Please let us know how he feels when you hear from him.

Best regards.

Cordially,

Edward W. Warwick

Art Buyer

November 7, 1952

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Mrs. Adam Gimbel, 166 East 64th Street, New York 21, N. Y.

Dear Mrs. Gimbel:

If you plan to include works of art in your Christmas giving, I would suggest that you come in very stortly to see the remarkable collection of paintings and sculpture in our Christmas show, priced from \$25. to \$500.

Nith the many artiats represented, the selection includes every direction in American art, with a great variety of subject matter and medium.

Do come in.

Sincerely yours,

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Sovember 7th, 1962,

Mr. S. S. Neyers, Szold & Brandwen, 30 Broad Street, New York, 4, M. Y.

Dear Mr. Meyers:

Thank you for your letter.

The check for the emount stipulated is enclosed and I wish to express my appreciation for the efforts you have made in our behalf and for the modest bill involved.

Sincerely yours,

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November 5, 1952

MR. CHARLES ALAN, ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR
THE DOWNTOWN GALLERY
SE EAST SI STREET
NEW YORK 12, N.Y.

DEAR MR. ALAH.

WE WILL BE PLEASED TO LOAN YOU OUR PAINTING, UNSINE PARK, FOR YOUR SPECIAL EXHIBIT HONORING STUART DAVIS AND YABUD KUNIYOSHI.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH YOUR SUGGESTION PLEASE CONTACT THE AMERICAN PERSONNENT ON OF ARTS AND MAKE ANY ARRANGEMENTS THAT WILL BE CONVENIENT FOR SOTH PARTIES. HOWEVER, WE WOULD APPRECIATE SEING KEPT ADVISED OF ALL PLANS.

WISHING YOU EVERY SUCCESS, I AM

SINCERELY YOURS,

KEITH MARTH, DIRECTOR FINE ARTS DEPARTMENT

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Mr. O'Donnell Iselin, 104 East 71st Street, New York, M. Y.

Dear Mr. Iselim:

With the Christmas show about to be hung, I thought of you.

I don't have to tell you that our Christmas show comprises an extraordinary collection of small gens at even smaller prices, but I can tell you that this year the selection is unprecedented.

May I suggest that you come in at the early part of the exhibition, which opens on Tuesday, Movember 16th.

I look forward with great pleasure to seeing you.

Sincerely yours,

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Mr. John H. Greiner, 3929 Byers Avenue, Fort Forth, Texas.

Dear Mr. Greiners

Thank you for letting me know that you own the "Painsylvania Barn" by Ralston Crawford. We are always happy to have the information for our records.

As the painting did not pass through the gallery it was obviously purchased before Grawford's association with us - I have no data for valuation. If you
will send me the size of the picture, I can be of
greater help.

Since we merely act as agents for the artists, we do not purchase their work outright nor do we take consignments from collectors. Our main objective is to make sales for the living artists and we do not encourage competiti n for them by selling pictures for which they are not paid. If you would like to write to Crawford directly, his address is 60 Gramercy Square, New York, N. Y.

Sincerely yours,

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# DEPARTMENT OF ART

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November 11, 1952

Mr. Cherles Allen The Downtown Gellery 32 East 51st Street New York 22, New York

Dear Mr. Allen:

"Contemporary" show, and need a glossy photo of "Rapt at Rappaport's" by Stuart Davis as soon as possible. Also will you send on a photo of the "Nude on Red Couch" by Karfiol, as we are now including that in the show. Hogan will write you relative to shipping dates etc. a little later.

Thanks, and best regards.

Sincerely,

C. V. Donovan

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Director of Exhibitions

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November 11, 1952

The Downtown Gallery 32 East 51st Street New York, New York

Gentlemen;

Please apply this check for \$50 to the account of Mr. Arthur Tourtellot, 1000 Park Avenue, New York, New York.

Very truly yours,

Secretary to Mr. Tourtellot

Lucelle Harris

597 MADISON AVENUE, NEW YORK 22, N.Y.



contemporary arts association of houston inc

AIR MAIL

November 5, 1952

Mrs. Edith Gregor Helpert The Downtown Gallery 32 East 51 Street New York 22, New York

Deer Mrs. Halpert:

The Knoedler Texas Contemporary Artists Exhibition was a great success in Houston. It seems to have aroused interest in the rest of Texas as well. The Texas Fine Arts Association has requested the show for November 15 through November 24. It will be hung in the rotunds of the Capitol at Austin.

Robert Preusser would like to have his two paintings, "Ecclasia" and "Celestial Triangles" included in this exhibit at Austin. However, he would like to secure your approval of this further showing of his work.

If you do not approve of this plan, please let us know as soon as possible as we wish to ship the paintings to Austin at the end of the week--the rest of the exhibit was shipped today.

The Contemporary Arts Association would like to thank you for making our exhibition possible. We feel that it is a fine one and that our season is off to an excellent start.

Sharp Sharp

Ellen Sharp, Executive Secretary For Eleanor and Frank Freed, Chairmen Knoedler Texas Artists Exhibition

P.S. The Teras Fine Arts Association will ship the paintings back to you at the close of the show there, express prepaid.

co: Mrs. Albert L. Fish, Toras Fine Arts Ass'n, 3602 Bridle Path, Austin

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November eighteenth, 1 9 5 2

Mr. M. E. Culberg, Culberg Ashestor & Cork Company. 1402-10 North Halsted, Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Culberg:

I have just had the great experience of seeing the new Marin paintings, which he produced during the year 1952 and the majority of which we will have in our forthcoming exhibition - the Marin annual one-man show held in Jahuary.

I am giving you this long, long notice so that you can save your Christman checks for one of the greatest paistings of all time. You have indicated an interest in Marin and I shall send you an advance announcement the moment the pictures arrive so that you can be seriously tempted.

In any event, it will be nice to see you again and I hope that you will pay us a visit in the near future as a runner-up for the Marin trip.

Sincerely yours,

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November 10, 1952.

Mrs. Edith G. Halps rt The Downtown Gallery 43 East Slat Street New York, New York

Dear Madam:

We offer at \$260.00 the original figurehead from the yacht "Phantom" built for the
Van Dausen family in 1866. While it shows
signs of use and wear, it is in exceptionally good condition considering its age. The
figure is one of a curved sea serpent measuring approximately 8 ft. in length and at the
base is 18" thick. The body is carved in
fishscale design. The eyes are deep set.
The nostrils and lips still show some signs
of bright red paint. It is possible that
the artist, who did the wood carving, may
be traced and identified. The ship is said
to have been built at Port Jefferson, L.I.

If you are interested, we will try to obtain more information about its history. It is an interesting and grotesque affair of somewhat unusual design.

Very truly yours,

C. E. H. Whitlock

Whitlock Building, north of Yale's great Memorial Tower

CEHW:M

Mr. Nelson Rockefeller, 810 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Rockefeller:

With the Christmas show about to be hung, I thought of you.

I don't have to tall you that our Christmes show comprises an extraordinary collection of small gems at even smaller prices, but I can tell you that this year the selection is unprecedented.

May I suggest that you come in at the early part of the exhibition, which opens on Tuesday, November 15th.

I look forward with great pleasure to seeing you.

Sincerely yours,

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November 15, 1952

Mrs. Edith Halpert Downtown Gallery 32 East 51st Street New York 22, New York

Dear Mrs. Halpert:

Enclosed is the list of five paintings which we should like to borrow for our December exhibition. Mr. Marin has this list and promised to send it on to us with the insurance values.

We are grateful to you for this loan, for these early examples of realistic painting form the background of our exhibition.

It was my pleasure to meet you and I thank you for your generosity.

Kathryn E. Gamble
Acting Director

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Mrs. Robin Olds, 121 East 69th Street, New York, N. Y.

Dear Mrs. Olds:

If you plan to include works of art in your Christmas giving, I would suggest that you come in very chartly to see the remarkable collection of paintings and sculpture in our Christmas show, priced from \$25. to \$500.

With the many artists represented, the selection includes every direction in American art, with a great variety of subject matter and medium.

Do come in.

Sincerely yours,

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Miss Jesseta B. Boyden, Skowhegan School of Painting and Sculpture, 2 West 15th Street, New York, M. Y.

#### Dear Miss Boyden:

If we had any of Mr. King's paintings at the gallery we should be glad to land you one for your exhibition. Since we do not, would Mr. Cummings be interested in exhibiting a piece of King's soulpture? If so, we would be glad to lend it.

Sincerely yours,

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November 10, 1952

Mr. Frank Parls Frank Parls Gallery 350 North Camden Drive Beverly Hills, California

Dear Mr. Perlat

I hope that by now you will have received a catalogue of our current drawings exhibition. If so, this should clarify your question of October 23 regarding the inclusion of a drawing by William Brice entitled "Read of Man". As a matter of fact there are three drawings by Brice in the Exhibition.

Aside from the one mentioned above, we are showing "Model in Workroom" and "Kelp and Stone". All three of these drawings were selected by me at the Downtown Gallery, New York.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Mr. Alan of the Downtown Callery so there can be no misunderstanding about Brice's work which is now on exhibit.

Sincerely yours,

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November 18, 1952

Dear Mrs Halpert:

Thank you for your recent invitation to see your Christmas show. Nothing would seem more like Christmas than to be in New York, but I'm afraid we'll have to settle for a palm tree instead of the one in Radio City this year.

However, we have been thinking about you and wondering what you had that would fit our budget, perhaps a painting or a drawing.

We are extremely proud of the paintings you had selected for us. Perhaps you might find time to let us know if you have something exciting that would bring an exciting New York Christmas to us.

Sincerely,

Martin L Weiss

407 South Hope Street Los Angeles, 17 Calif. Hr. Frank Hurd, 51 East 42nd St., New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Hurdt

We omitted sales tax from your bill for the George L. K. Morris gouache which you purchased on November 24th.

Eill should have read:

Scarlet Recession - \$45.00

Sales Tax 1.35

\$46.38

Will you please change your record accordingly.

Yours very truly,

Bookkeeper

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The Downtown Gallery 82 East 51st Street New York City 22, NY

Dear Sirs:

On 30 October we ordered from you an impression of the Ben Shahn "Silent Music" print, but have not yet received it. Will you please send it as soon as possible.

Thanking you,

Sincerely yours,

Bertha von Moschwisker Director

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November twentieth,

Mr. Otto Wittmann, Jr., Assistant Director, The Toledo Museum of Art, Monroe Street at Scottwood Ave., Toledo 2, Ohio.

Dear Mr. Wittmann:

This is not in the nature of a follow-up, but I am eager to know whether you have received the photographs of the four Harnett paintings.

Won't you please let me know?

Sincerely yours,

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Mrs. Leonard Strauss, 630 West Polo Drive, Clayton, Missouri.

Dear Mrs. Strauss:

We are now preparing for our annual exhibition of John Marin's works to be held in January 1953. It occurred to me that you had not made the exchange we corresponded about some months ago; thus, I am writing to ascertain whether you plan to be in New York about January to see the new examples and make the selection at that time. If not, we always have a large cross-section of his work in the gallary, and I shall be glad to show you what is available when you come in.

I hope to see you soon.

Sincerely yours,

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Mr. Merle Armitage, 100% MAGAZINE, 428 Madison Avenue, New York 22, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Armitage:

Just a brief note to suggest an advance "look" at the Christmas show which opens officially on Tuesday, November 18th.

Come in on Monday, if you want to have a first choice in the superb collection.

Sincerely yours,

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November 26, 1952.

Mr. Otto Karl Bach, Director, The Denver Art Museum, 14th Avenue & Acoms St., Denver, 4, Colorado.

Dear Mr. Bach:

Raymond Breinin's address is:

1162 North State Street, Chicago, Illinois,

and I would suggest that you communicate directly with him.

As you know, artists are often negligent about answering letters - but we can hope for the best.

Sincerely yours,

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Mr. Alfred V. Frankenstein, San Francisco Chroniole, Fifth & Mission Streets, San Francisco, 19, Calif.

Dear Mr. Frankenstein:

I am very pleased that you are enthusiastic about one of my very great favorites. I have also been gratified with the general tone of the reviews which have appeared in the news-The show has made me very sad as Spencer was one of my oldest friends, deting years before our gallery association, and the latter hee always been as egrecable as the The only consolation is that Spencer had the gratification of an enthusiastic, if quiet, reception during his life time. There are only eleven unsold pictures now owned by the estate. The others were placed in museums and in discriminating collections. Even in relation to his incredibly small annual production, the results were gretifying.

If you will let me know how many photographs you would like, I shall be glad to have Baker send you a group for your slides. Practically everything Spencer produced was photographed and we have the negative numbers on the bulk of them.

Sincerely yours,

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Mrs. Adelyn D. Breeskin, Director, Baltimore Museum of Art, Wyman Park, Baltimore, 18, Maryland.

Dear Krs. Breeskin:

Through a misunderstanding, the painting, "Six" by Ben Shaha, was returned to you express collect. If you would have a bill sent to us, we will immediately forward you a check.

Let me take this opportunity to thank you for the loan of the painting which added so much to the suscess of our Fall group exhibition.

Mrs. Halpert and I are both looking forward to seeing you in New York during the near future.

Sincerely yours,

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P.S. Has Mr. Gallagher returned to the States yet? We have a crate here which we would like to deliver to him.

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November eighteenth,

Mr. William B. Jaffe, 745 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Jaffe:

I don't know whether you have had occasion to see the current Whitney exhibition or to read the reviews of this show.

The Jack Levine has been selected persistently as the outstanding picture. It has already been sold to a museum but I am writing to tell you of a smaller example of the same quality which he has just delivered. It is a magnificent canvas and since you are interested in Levine, I am wery eager to have you see it before it is acquired by a museum.

Won't you come in soon to see it and the many small geme in our current Christmas show?

Sincerely yours,

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November eighteenth, 1 v 5 2

Mr. Thomas Gaglione, Majo Hill Galleries, 1200 East Atlantic Avenue, Delray Beach, Florida.

Dear Tom:

be obtained at this end of the line. Budworth and others suggested that you locate someone in your territory who makes these round trips. We have also learned that, with the exception of two or three really top transportation companies, the others require crating of pictures as their insurance does not cover loose (I am referring to paintings) floating stock. Thus, it seems that it would be more advisable - and probably observed in the end - to go through the normal routine of biring someone like Berkeley, who is less expensive than Budworth, to crate the paintings and this them by fast freight to you. You could retain the crates in somebody else's celler and refill them for return shipment if anything is left from your Christmas show.

Unless you can find someone in Mismi to make the trip here and back, I think we had better get started on this plan at once as the time is getting awfully short.

Of course I am dying to know how you got down, how the place is progressing, how you are feeling, and how your lights are working - to say nothing of other things.

I am now making tentative plans to go to Hollywood (Fiorida) about December 19th or 20th, to stay until the 29th. During that time we can plan one fun and I will have an opportunity to introduce you to a number of active buyers in both departments in Palm Reach and Mismi. This is tentative, of course, as I hate making specific plans in this mad world. Our current show is killingme. We cold 23 items the first day and I talked to about 230 people. However, I am holding on to your selections so that you two can have an exciting show.

Do let me hear from you soon.

Love.

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Duncon Phillips, Director Merjoria Phillips, Associate Director Eknira Bier, Assistant to Director In Charge of Music

November 4, 1952

Vimira Bier

The Downtown Gallery, Inc., 113 W. 13th Street, New York.

Dear Mrs. Halpert:

We are enclosing two checking slips for the seven paintings sent us on approval. Included on slip N. 3456 is the Jack Levine Under the El, which we received, but which we shipped to the Whitney Museum on October 24th. I have made a note on the slip to refer to this letter. With best wishes,

Sincerely,

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November 24, 1962.

Mr. Edwin D. Levinson, 52 Wall Street, Hew York, 5, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Levinson:

On several occasions you inferred that you would like to dispose of the Kuniyoshi paint-ing which you purchased in the 1940's.

We are working on a retrospective show, and I wondered whether you are still interested in selling the picture; and if so, what profit would you consider.

After all, from what you told me the painting is not hung nor enjoyed, and for the artist's sake it would be very nice if you would release the picture for the public. Won't you please let me know? And, do come in and say hello.

Sincerely yours,

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Morember 13, 1952

Seen Mer. Helpert,

I received your catalogue of the Indi
annual exhibition today and wish to
inquire about "three Million for December"
by Landel blook and also "Buch Sume"
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the painting by Mr. Osaar

To you have any catalogues which
illustrates the style and anception of your
major artists?

Newy truly yours, Stanley to hear 3652 Trousseau Al. Honolulu 40, Haureit Wr. Ralph A. Anderson, Jr.

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Contemporary Arts Association of Houston

302 Dallas Armus

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Catalogue" labelled. Is this satisfactory to you carebet. The rest You may depend of course on the four we promised you originally.

According to my list you now have available for your evhibition the foliowing saintings the fellowing folions and had been been beauty, when the details with a recent of the fellows, making a total of seven.

If you do not obtain any of the five also listed in my original lotter, may I suggest test, you write to the following:

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Mr. Liliam Bomer 1300 Broad Fort Forth, Texas

Allegory - 1948 48x36

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Ar. Paul Block, Jr. 4059 Alver Road Toledo Ohio

Scorn - 1958 28% x 38 3/4

In suggesting any of these possible substitutions, I am bearing in mind the tross section idea of the exhibition including a number of his very late exhibitions.

I would retirer not commit myself on any additions from this gallery as his paintings are far greater in demand than in production, and we do have to retain several to show the many visitors who come from various parts of the country. If we do have something more available, I shall send it to you for the exhibition and it can be "not in

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Mr. John Temple, 1335 Astor Street, Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Temple:

I do hope that you are going to be in New York during our Christman exhibition, for which I am sure you have received the printed announcement. There are so many wonderful inexpensive examples by the artists you like in this exhibition.

Sincerely yours,

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November eighteenth, 1 9 5 2

Mr.. Henry Strater, Ogunquit, Maine.

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It was good to hear from you and I am delighted that the museum is actually on its may. It sounds wonderful and I hope that you will be able to fill it in a very short time.

I shall select a first rate Halpert to present to the museum whenever you are ready for it and think it would be a good idea to choose one painted in Ogunquit. Do you want to leave this to se or do you want to make the choice?

Congratulations on your big, nea baby. Ree; up the good work!

Best regards.

Sincerely yours,

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## San Francisco Chronicle

November 21, 1952

Mrs. Edith Gregor Halpert The Downtown Gallery 32 East 51st Street New York 22, New York

Dear Mrs. Halpert:

Many thanks for your kind offer to send me photographs of painting by Niles Spencer. Half-dozen will be ample and I will leave the selection to you. Anything you regard as typical and important is what I want.

With kindest regards -

Sincerely yours,

Alfred V. Frankenstein, Art and Music Critic

FIFTH AND MISSION STREETS . SAN FRANCISCO 19, CALIFORNIA . TELEPHONE CARFIELD 1-1112

2200 St. Louis Ave. St. Louis 6, Mc. November 23, 1952

Mr. Charles Alan, Asso. Director
The Downtown Gallery
32 East 51 Street
New York 22, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Alan:

Lest year I inquired about exhibiting some of my work through your gallery. At the time, you were not in a position to take on a new ertist. I hope the situation has improved, and that there is a chance to display in your gallery a few of my recent oil paintings, either in a solo or group show.

Since I last communicated with you, I managed to give my second one-man exhibition. The show is composed of nine recent oils, and they are now being displayed in the Empress Playhouse lounge here in St. Louis. I also exhibited paintings in numerous out-of-town shows.

Enclosed is a feature newspaper article about myself and paintings. Please let me know if you would be interested in representing my work.

Very sincerely yours,

John Saporita

Mr. Ralph Perkins, Jr., Valley Road, New Camaen, Connecticut.

Dear Mr. Perking:

Some time ago you expressed an interest in the work of William Zorach.

In our current Christmas exhibition we have a superb new example by this artist, specially marked for below the normal figure for this occasion.

I am sending you this personal invitation to suggest a visit promptly chile the sculpture is still available.

Sincerely yours,

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ALSO TO: Mrs. Mack Rubin (Jack Levine).
Philip Kalb

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November 19, 1952.

Miss Martha K. Schick, The Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, Philadelphia, 2, Pa.

Dear Miss Schick!

When I wrote you earlier, "E did not realize that the print, "Triple Drip" by Ben Shahn, now on exhibition at the Pennsylvania Academy, is not the Artists Proof and is not in a frame made by Ben Shahn. Therefore, your austomer may purchase this print, 6/58, unframed.

I cannot remember whether or not we sent you the print framed. If the oustoner wishes the frame which is on the print, we will have to charge an additional \$15.00 for the frame. If he doesn't wish it, will you please remove the print from the frame and return the frame to us with the rest of the shipment. For your record, we are enclosing a receipted bill.

With many thanks for all your efforts and cooperation, I remain

Sincerely yours,

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DEPARTMENT OF CIRCULATING EXHIBITIONS

November 26, 1952

Bear Mrs. Halpert:

This will confirm your permission, granted over the telephone yesterday, to extend your loan to us of the following print until about the middle of May, 1952:

Cloar, Carroll PORTRAIT OF MY MOTHER

This print has been shown, as part of the International Exhibition of Graphic Arts, in Salsburg, Linz, and Vienna, in Austria. In Munich, the exhibition will be at Amerika-Haus. When arrangements are final, I shall advise you of the institutions in which the print will be shown in Hamburg and Berlin.

Thank you very much for your kindness in agreeing to the extension, which will permit us to keep the show intact.

Sincerely,

Porter A. McCray

Director

International Circulating

Exhibitions

Mrs. Edith Helpert The Downtown Gallery 32 East 51st Street New York 22, New York

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Bovember 14, 1962,

Mr. Robert Preuseer, 1440 Bingle Road, Houston, 24, Texas.

Dear Mr. Preusser:

We have been so busy at the gallery that I have not had time to send you the report explaining the various checks, etc. This is now enclosed, and I believe you will find the data clear. The \$8.05 check balances the account.

While we are delighted with the first year in the Ground Floor room, there are several problems which we feel will require attention and cooperation.

with the current cont of frames we discovered that the overall financial situation is not too gratifying. During the morting we discussed the artist's problem and did not approach it from our angle. While we are opposed to the idea of distating to the artist in any form, we would like to suggest that they select more regulation sizes for their panel and/or canvases. The 1/2" difference in one or both disensions would not necessarily affect creative drive or execution, but it would make it possible for us to buy stock frames at a fraction of the prices we pay for specially constructed frames. The range in the former is practically unlimited, and, as I mentioned before, it is invariably a question of a fraction of an inch which threws us off.

I do not recall whether I had mentioned the unanimous request that we put the artist on the payroll and send a monthly check of \$100.00 for eleven months, and a statement with a balance (I hope) at the end of the contract year. We have followed this procedure and are doing so with you, unless you want to express a dissenting vote.

I look forward to your forthcoming visit.

Sincerely yours,

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Mr. David Rockefeller, 146 Kast 65th Street, New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Rockefeller:

I don't know whether you are familiar with our Christmas exhibitions, which have long been among the eagerly anticipated art events.

The exhibition includes a complet crosssection of pairting and sculpture especially chosen for the occasion and speciall priced below the market value to fit in with the Christmas gift budgets. I am sure that you will find some conderful solutions the the annual Christmas gift problem.

As you will note in the approuncement, the exhibition opens on Tuesday, November 18th. I hope that Mrs. Rockefeller will accompany you this time.

Sincerely yours,

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November 12, 1952

Mr. Charles Allen, Downtown Gallery, 32 East 51st Street, New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Allen:

The Skowhegan School is having an exhibition starting January Lith through January 31st at the Young Men's & Young Women's Hebrew Association's new gallery.

We would like to have one of William King's paintings in the show. Could either Mr. Cummings or Mr. Simon come in and pick out one within the next few weeks?

Sincerely yours,

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Mr. Joseph Shapiro, 1015 North Kemilworth, Cek Park, Illimois.

Dear Mr. Shapiro:

It is a long time since I have had the pleasure of seeing you and so I decided to tempt you to visit us very shortly.

As you probably know, our Christmas Exhibition is an esgerly anticipated annual art event. This year it includes an unprecedented selection of small gens by leading American artists, at prices far below the market value. To be corny, I might say real gens at costume jewelry prices.

Although the exhibition opens officially on Tuesday, November 18th, I am extending to you this personal invitation to view the show on Monday. It is well worth a special trip.

Sincerely yours,

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EVA INGERSOLL GATLING

NOVEMBER 18, 1952

MR. CHARLES ALAN
THE DOWNTOWN GALLERY
32 East 51st Street
New York 22, New York

DEAR MR. ALAN:

IN REPLY TO YOUR REQUEST FOR THE LOAN OF OUR KUNIYOSHI, "HEADLESS HORSE WHO WANTS TO JUMP" FOR AN EXHIBITION DECEMBER 7 TO 27, I AM HAPPY TO TELL YOU THAT I HAVE TODAY SECURED PERMISSION FROM THE MUSEUM COMMITTEE OF OUR TRUSTEES TO CRANT YOU THIS LOAN. I AM ENCLOSING OUR SHIPPING RECEIPT AND ASK THAT YOU RETURN THE ORGINAL COPY WHEN THE PAINTING IS SAFELY IN YOUR HANDS. WE ARE NOW CARRYING INSURANCE ON THE PAINTING AND WILL CONTINUE TO CARRY IT TRHOUGH YOUR EXHIBI-

IT IS A VERY INTERESTING IDEA TO SHOW THESE PAINTINGS WHICH WERE IN THE BIENNALE AND I HOPE THAT I SHALL BE ABLE TO SEE THE EXHIBITION AS I AM PLANNING TO BE IN NEW YORK AT THAT TIME.

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#### OF FINE ARTS . DALLAS 10, TEXAS

November 8, 1952

Miss Edith Halpert The Downtown Gallery 32 East 51st Street New York, New York

Dear Edith:

I have been trying every day since receiving your last letter to pin down some exact information so we could proceed with the O'Keeffe plans. The one Dallas citizen that O'Keeffe and I both had in mind as a very good prospect to make an important purchase, either for himself or for the museum, has been out of pocket in Colorado and New Mexico and I have only yesterday been able to talk to him by telephone. He professes interest but inability at this particular moment to promise a purchase of O'Keeffe because of a rather large art project he is completing in New Mexico. I am sure he will do something about O'Keeffe in the future, but his unwillingness to act now seems to knock out of present consideration the purchase guarantee of \$2,500. The museum's acquisition committee agreed it could not make a guarantee of this amount on a purchase, sight unseen, although I think we will do something about an O'Keeffe purchase.

I want to go shead and take the show which Church now has at Philbrook Art Center and try to supplement it. Stanley Marcus will be in New York after Thursday for two weeks at the Pierre Hotel, and I will ask him to talk to you. I hope you can show him a few additional O Keeffes which might be sent to our show for the latter part of December and the first part of January. I also hope that Stanley can find one to recommend to the acquisitions committee.

We have your list for the Young Collections exhibition. It looks good. Betty Marcus is due back today and I look forward to a report from her about seeing you. I think the Young Collections idea will work here and it already shows signs of spreading to other places work houston and Tulsa. As I remember it, much of the genesis of this idea came from you. Selah!

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Jerry Bywaters

Miss Jean Tennyson, 113 West 57 Street, New York, N. Y.

#### Dear Miss Tennyson:

You will receive the printed announcement of our annual Christmas exhibition. In spite of that I am writing this note to urge you to try to come in the gallery for I believe that in this exhibition you will find several small inexpensive paintings most suitable for gifts. Beside that, if you want to play Santa Claus to yourself we have a most heautiful Demuth water color which I think would fit in with the Marin and Fredenthal you own as an important example in that medium.

Sincerely yours,

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November 6, 1952

Dear Mrs. Halpert -

I have been reading about your current exhibition of paintings by Niles Spencer, and I should like to ask if you have photographs of these works which I might buy or borrow in order to have slides made of them. As you may know, I give a course in the history of American painting at the University of California, and I should like to increase my repertoire of examples so far as Spencer is concerned. For my money he was one of the most important of the American contemporaries.

With kindest regards

Sincerely Yours

fred V. Frankenstein

#### GEORGIA O'KEEFFE

Maple and Cedar (1923)

Thighbone on Black Stripe (1939)

In the Patio V (1948)

Autumn Leaves #2 (1927)

Brooklyn Bridge (1948)

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17 November 1952

Edith Gregor Halpert, Birector THE DOWNTOWN GALLERY 32 East 51 Street New York 22, N.Y.

Dear Mrs. Halpert:

The exhibition of paintings by Georgia O'Keeffe, a small retrospective of ten pictures, as listed at the bottom of this letter, opened with considerable success at the time of the major fall exhibition opening here at Philbrook Art Center this season. Your paintings which you generously lent to us for this exhibition have filled in as you will see to assist us in presenting a chronological cross section of paintings from 1923 to 1948.

I attach also a catalog of the Industrial Design Exhibition which made possible both the Georgia O'Keeffe exhibition and a historical Japanese print collection exhibition. You will find notice of the sponsorship at the end of the forward to this catalog. We did not publish around the Georgia O'Keeffe show at this time in view of the fact that a larger scaled exhibition is planned for the future and will be more comprehensive and will thus warrant an adequate small publication.

The exhibition will continue here through the month of November and at the closing of it, we shall ship back to you the painting you have so generously lent.

Again, our most sincere thanks for your cooperation.

Sinferely yours.

Robert W. Church

Director

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Movember 11, 1962.

Mr. George A. Dailey, 1000 Mason Street, San Francisco, California.

Dear Mr. Dailey:

I am so hoping that you will be in New York during the next three weeks so that you may see our annual Christmas exhibition, of which you will receive our printed announcement. There are so many outstanding examples in this exhibition that I am sure you will reap a harvest of paintings for yourself and your clients. In any case it will be a pleasure to see you again and renew our acquaintance.

Sincerely yours,

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Mr. Albert Dorme, 322 East 57th Street, New York, N. Y.

Dear Als

Just because I like you, I am sending you a special invitation for an advance view of our Christmas show, which opens officially on Tuesday, November 18th.

I will let you peek on Monday!

Sincerely yours,

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Mr. Bam Centey, III, The First National Bank, Fort Worth, Texas.

Dear San:

Well, thank you for trying. Zorech, incidently, suggested that you turn the figure upright. Seriously, we do have a number of vertical Zorecha and if you wish I can send you some more photographs. If not, we shall what until your friend makes a personal appearance at the gallery.

The Dallas show does not include Shahn lithographs, and I am, therefore, arranging to send them to you under separate cover, and you will get them long before the desired date. Incidently, we have an equally exciting group of new prints by Zerbe and Crawford, which could be included - if you so desire.

I am sorry that you will not be in town next week when our Christmae show opens. While we always have wonderful "buys", in this annual event the 1952 edition is truly terrific and includes real game at contume jewelry prices - if I may be so corny.

I cannot think of any other temptation at the moment, but still hope that the Cantey family will a arrive next week.

Sincerely yours,

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November 14, 1952.

Miss Cipe Pineles, Cherm Magazine, 576 Madison Ave., New York, N. Y.

#### Dear Ries Pineles:

Many thanks for sending me copy of what you stand for. The reproduction looks excellent, and I hope will sell gloves, briquettes and thimbles, and plotures. Would it be possible to have a number of tear sheets for our records?

How about having dinner with me some evening now that I finally have a cook! I have not seen you and Bill for quite some time.

Sincerely yours,

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November 14, 1962.

Mr. Joseph E. Gold, 1301 Finance Building, 1428 South Penn Square, Philadelphia, 2, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gold:

Enclosed you will find a proof of a cut which we had made of the O'Keeffee painting. With this out I am enclosing a sample of the paper which I would recommend. This would be done in a French fold with the reproduction tipped on the face, and the message together with the information regarding the painting on the inside. The overall size would be 5-1/4" X 7-1/4".

The printer gave se a figure of \$68.00 for 250 all complete - tipping, printing and envelopes; or, \$95.00 for a quantity of 500.

As the Christmas rush is in full swing at the printers, I would suggest a very prompt decision.

I also hope that you will come in to see our Christmas show, which we have advanced this year to November 18th. There are extraordinary opportunities in this show in the way of new small examples by all our artists at prices considerably below the market value.

I look forward to seeing you and Mrs. Gold in the near future.

Sincerely yours.

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SAM CANTEY. III
ADDISTANT VICE-PRESIDENT

Mrs. Edith Halpert The Downtown Gallery 32 East 51st Street New York, New York

Dear Edith:

Thank you so much for the prompt attention to my letter requesting a photograph of the Zorach Sculpture. I am sorry to report that nothing has come of it and I am therefore returning the photograph. I thought it was quite beautiful and so did my friend but it was horizontal instead of vertical as desired for a particular place. Maybe if we keep trying, we will some day have a nice Zorach in Fort Worth.

By the way, the Young Collections Show which is being assembled for Dallas, will also be shown here. Does it include Ben Shahn's lithographs of The Boy with the Ice Cream Cone and The Phoenix Bird? If it doesn't, we would like to have them here for our showing the first week in January, if we may.

Regards,

Sam Cantey, III

Assistant Vice President

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Movember 10, 1962.

Mrs. Eva Ingersell Gatling, Curator, Huseum of Crankprook Academy of Art, Bloomfield, Hills, Michigan.

Dear Mrs. Gatling!

We are planning to honor Stuart Davis and Yasuo Kuniyoshi with an exhibition of their paintings which were shown at the Blennale in Venice last summer. Our exhibition is scheduled to open on December 7th and continue through December 27th.

We are writing you now to request the loan of your painting "The Readless Horse who wants to Jump" for these few weeks before it is finally returned to you. We will, of course, insure the painting for the same value while it is under our control.

We believe that it will be of great interest and importance to exhibit these paintings in New York before they are once again scattered across the country. There is no doubt that Americans will welcome the opportunity of seeing the work of these two artists who represented our country in Venice. For this reason we hope you will be able to give us a favorable reply to our request. If so, we will make the necessary arrangements with the American Federation of Arts.

Sincerely yours, .

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Mr. H. X. Noyens, 1361 Connecticut Ave., H.W., Washington, 6, D.C.

Dear Mr. Moynes:

I was sorry that you did not return to the gallery to take another look at the Katzman painting; not only because I think it is a fine example of this artist's work, but also because it was a pleasure meeting you and talking with you.

By the time you make your next visit to New York, I believe we shall have some new Kataman paintings at the gallery, and I hope that at that time you will pay us another visit. In any case, I shall let you know when we receive these plotures which promise, from what Kataman tells me, to be very exciting. The subject matter is more varied than the group you saw the other day and includes landscapes and figure pieces as well as still lifes.

Come in late in the afternoon. Perhaps you would like to have a drink with me when the gallery closes.

Sincerely yours,

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#### FOGG ART MUSEUM - HARVARD UNIVERSITY CAMBRIDGE 38, MASSACHUSETTS

November 5, 1952

Mr. and Mrs. Jack H. Rand 91 Central Park West New York 23, New York

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Rand:

The Institute of Contemporary Art tells me that they believe the Downtown Gallery can supply us with a photograph of your painting THE LAST KING, by Jack Levine. We should like to have the photograph available in our study collection and it is not to be used for reproduction.

May we have your permission to request this print from the Downtown Gallery in New York? We shall greatly appreciate your help in securing the photograph for our collection.

Sincerely yours,

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Director Downtown Gallery 32 E. 51st Street New York City, New York

Dear Sir:

The Editors of "Who's Who in America" ask your assistance. They are presently assembling Volume 28, and naturally, painters and sculpturers subject to general reference interest are possible biographees. While, through the years, the editors feel they have chosen many deserving artists, they feel the scope of coverage could be increased.

The Editors have many ways of judging the merits of artists, but they would like a better understanding of the awards given them - both those given by institutions in their exhibitions ( i.e. the Logan Prizes of the Chicago Art Institute) and such independent awards as the Pepsi Cola.

Could you take the time to write me what awards are considered to be the highest given? Is there am award comparable to the Nobel Prize and so on? Such information would be invaluable in compilation of Volume 28 and future editions of "Who's Who".

The Editors also ask me to Write you, should you wish, to suggest artists omitted in previous editions of "Who's Who" and who are subject to the reference interest meriting inclusion. (The enclosure should be interesting)

Thanking you for your assistance, for the Editors, I am

Betty S. Connor (Mrs.) Betty 6. Connor

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Mr. Anthony Randall, 440 East 25 Street, New York, N. X.

Dear Mr. Randall:

You will receive our printed announcement of our exhibition; but in spite of that I am wring this note to urge you to try to come in next Monday. You know I am still holding that Zerbe head for you in the hope that Santa Claus is going to put it in your Christmas stocking.

Sincerely yours,

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J. A MORRIS CURATOR

Vancouver Art Gallery

1145 West Georgia Street Vancouver, B.C.

November 18, 1952

The Director, The Downtown Gallery, 32 East 51st St., New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Would you kindly send me a copy of the entalogue of your exhibition concerning music, dated January 1941, together with an account for same.

Yours sincerely,

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16 November, 1952

Mrs. Edith Halpert The Downtown Gallery

Dear Mrs. Halpert:

In a recent issue of LIFE magazine I read that you are searching for new artists. I am taking the liberty of submitting two of my "color studies" for your inspection. I am primarily interested in color "tone-poems" with a minimum of form -- perhaps a wedding of art and musical material which will be lyric and "future". I would appreciate your interest.

Also I enclose a small snapshot, and diagram, of a sculpture which I have termed, "the Golden Calf." I realize that sculpture is difficult to visualize in so small a picture but in the event you might care to see the original I could send it to New York, of course.

Thanking you in advance .....

Yours very truly,

W.M. Kelly

William Muir Kelley 1616 Versailles Road Lexington, Ky. Mr. James W. Poster, Jr., Assistant Director, The Baltimore Museum of Art, Wyman Park, Baltimore, 18, Md.

Dear Mr. Foster:

Thank you for your letter of November 6th - but you forgot to enclose the bill.

Simperely yours,

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November 7, 1952.

Mr. Joseph T. Fraser, Jr., Director, The Pennsylvania Academy of The Fine Arts, Philadelphia, 2, Penns.

Dear Kr. Frager:

Indeed I should be very glad to see you as always - and Mr. Mangravite on Tuesday or Wednesday, whichever you may prefer and I repeat it is always a pleasure.

Sincerely yours,

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November 13, 1962.

Mrs. Herman Shulman, Haviland Road, Stanford, Conn.

Dear Mrs. Shalmant

some weeks ago I wrote you about our exhibition of the Davis and Kuniyoshi paintings which were at the Venice Biennale. As we have had no answer from you we are assuming that unless we hear from you to the contrary, it will be agreeable to you for us to show your painting -"New York Under Gaslight" - by Stuart Davis, and we shall see that it is returned to you at the close of our exhibition on December 27th.

Sincerely yours,

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### THE DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS

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November 21, 1952

Mrs. Edith Halpert The Downtown Gallery 32 East 51st Street New York, N. Y.

Dear Mrs. "alpert:

Several years ago we borrowed from you a group of paintings by Jacob Lawrence for one of our "Work in Progress" exhibitions. We tried to find someone at that time who would purchase a Lawrence for our collection but had no luck whatsoever.

There is at present a negro doctor in town who has indicated an interest in making a gift to the Missum. We have shown him a number of photographs and articles on Lawrence and he is very much impressed with the artist.

Will you send me photographs and prices on some of Jacob Lawrence's paintings which you have available so that we may follow through on this possibility?

incerely,

Villian E. Wool

Curator in Charge of Education

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lovember 19, 1962.

Miss June Bedford, Publicity Department, Pabet Sales Company, 221 North La Salle Street, Chicago, 1, Illinois.

Dear Miss Bedford:

Enclosed please find a biography of the artist, Charles Sheeler, and a statement by him concerning the painting he recently executed relating to the Pabet Brewing Company.

Sincerely yours,

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Mr. Milton E. Arenberg, 991 Wildwood Lane, Highland Park, Ill.

#### Dear Mr. Arenberg:

I am sorry that we were not able to ship the Oscar painting via parcel post because the dimensions were beyond the Post Office limits. It has been shipped to you by Reilway Express and you will receive it momentarily.

We just received three new paintings by Lewandowsky - one of which is similar in subject matter, style and price to the picture you admired in the gallery. I am taking the liberty of sending this to you for your approval.

Best regards to you and Mrs. Arenberg.

Sincerely yours,

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November 26, 1952

Miss Edith G. Halpert The Downtown Gallery 32 East 51st Street New York, N. Y.

Dear Miss Halpert:

Thank you for your letter of September 12th, and I wish you much luck in your Christmas exhibition.

I would like to remind you at this time that you still have on consignment one Stuart Davis and if you have not as yet sold it, I would appreciate your having it returned to me at my gallery, at your earliest convenience.

The Cadby-Birch Gallery Patti Garnell Cadby

PGC: et.

Nr. William E. Woolfenden, Curator in Charge of Education, The Detroit Institute of Arts, Detroit, 2, Michigan.

Dear Mr. Woolfenden!

Thank you for your letter.

I heard about this doctor just the other day, and am very glad that he is sufficiently interested to consider making a gift to the museum. Under separate cover, I am sending you a group of photographs with all the data listed on the reverse side of each print.

The photographs are of paintings produced since 1950, and give an excellent pross-section of Lawrence's work during the past two years, including his two latest examples, "Billboards" and "A Christmas Pageant", which are part of a series he has been working on for the past year representing his impression of the theatre, which he has been studying backstage.

If you wish to have any of these sent to you on approval, we shall be glad to do so. The only one which will not be available for that purpose is "Billboards" which has been invited by the Pennsylvania Academy for their forthcoming show.

Sincerely yours,

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Henry Straty.

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Movember 24, 1952

Mr. Charles Alan The Downtown Gallery 32 Best 51st Street New York 22, New York

Door Mr. Alan,

The exhibit of the paintings of Mitchell Siporin is scheduled to open here on Sunday, January 11, 1953, and to continue until Sunday, January 25.

We have space for 20 large and small cils. There is also an unusually fine glass-covered exhibit case covering one wall of the gallery where we can show small paintings, drawings, and stohings to excellent advantage. The paintings should be here at least two weeks before the opening of the exhibit, so that there will be ample time for the art critics of the local newspapers to preview the show. The art critics columns are written ten days before press time.

We agree to pay all packing, shipping, and insurance expenses. Please advise how much insurance would be needed for this exhibit. You may ship the paintings with any reliable shipper.

All our previous exhibits have been very well attended. Since Mr. Siporin's exhibit is being co-sponsored by the Cleveland Chapter of the Mational Women's Committee of Brandeis University, and Mr. Siporin will be at the exhibit to lecture on his paintings, we expect that the show will be well recognised. We will certainly make every effort to sell the paintings.

Kindly advise us by return mail when the paintings will be shipped, the name of the shipper, and how many paintings are being sent.

Mos Laufer

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## THE MUNICIPAL UNIVERSITY OF WICHITA WICHITA 6, KANSAS

November 30, 1952

Mrs. Edith Halpert Downtown Gallery New York, New York

Dear Mrs. Halpert:

It seems impossible that it has been almost a month since I have been in New York. There has been so much I have had to do that I've not had time to do many things I've wanted to do. I have planned to write you ever since returning to Kansas.

I want to tell you how pleased I was to meet you, and how much I appreciated your kindness to me while I was in New York.

It was a particular treat to see those new Marins. I am sorry that I was unable to spend more time in your Gallery but my visit to the city was much too short. I shall look forward to seeing you on my next trip to New York City.

Sincerely yours,

Eugene TH

Eugene McFarland Director of Wichita Art Museum

Head of Art Department

University of Wichita

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Mr. Moe Laufer, Jewish Community Centers of Cleveland, 2049 East 105th Street, Cleveland, 6, Chic.

Dear Mr. Laufert

I have been corresponding with Mr. Siporin compiling a list of paintings and drawings which we will send for your exhibition in January. As soon as the list is set I will send you a copy, giving you the valuation so that you can arrange for the insurance.

We would prefer that you communicately directly with the shipper of your choice and make all arrangements with them for the collection and packing of the paintings. They will then notify us when they will pick up the pictures. W.S. Budworth & Sons, Berkeley Express Company, or the Hayes Neving and Storage Company are all agreeable to us.

Sincerely yours,

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Mr. Henry Strater, P. C. Box #508, Ogunquit, Maine.

Dear Mr. Strater:

The American Federation of Arts telephoned me today regarding your Emilyoshi drawing that was in Yenice. I told them I would send you the enclosed letter. I sent a copy of the letter to your Gramercy Park address, but never received an answer.

As you can imagine, it is of the greatest importance to Euniyoshi to have these paintings exhibited in New York at this time, and I do hope that you will grant us this loan.

Sincerely yours,

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Mr. Karen J. Simon, 250 East 73rd St., New York, 21, N. Y.

Deer Mr. Simon!

We have returned your painting "City walls East River" by Wiles Spender, and I hope you received it in good condition. I cannot tell you how grateful we are for your generous loan. The painting did such to make the exhibition a success and a fitting tribute to this fine artist. Without your painting, the exhibition - intended to be a survey of Spencer's work during the last four years of his life - would not have been complete. Again, our thanks.

Sincerely yours,

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Mr. Charles Alan, Associate Director The Downtown Gallery 32 East 51st Street New York 22, N. Y.

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November 18, 1952

Dear Mr. Alan:

In the absence of Mrs. Tremains your letter of November 6th has been referred to this department. We shall be very glad to have you include our Stuart Davis "For Internal Use Only" in your December 7-2h exhibit. This painting, however, has not as yet come back to Meriden from Venice; therefore, you can make the necessary arrangement for securing it with the American Federation of Arts.

Cordially yours,

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Nov. 29, 1952 om John Gallery 32 Estat New York N.Y. Dear Jirs: according to a previous letter De are brugning the Knepschild in the 14 Comeronis show of the Thilly Jackery which will come down de Dec! 1. The Phillips Hallery have indicated that they will fach the two pictures Mr. Calfee hail sent down - fact There with the pictures from This show which they are returning to you. O'leave let us from

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November 24, 1982.

Mr. Stenley Char, 3652 Trousseau Street, Honolulu, 40, Hawaii.

Dear Mr. Chart

By the time your letter reached us, the two paintings about which you inquired had been sold. I am sorry that this is your second experience along these lines.

Most of these artists are rather unproductive and the interest in American art is, fortunately, so intense that there is little atook at any time. However, we have a group of small drawings and water colors by Oscar at the present time, priced from \$25.00 to \$50.00, as well as one large picture, of which I am sending you a photograph. The price of this is \$190.00. You'd you like to have any of these sent to you?

Under separate cover, I am mailing you a rather old issue of a brochure which illustrates the work of that period by the artists associated with the gallery. No doubt you have seen many subsequent reproductions in various art publications. If any of them interest you partioularly we can send you a selection of photographs. Do let me know.

Sincerely yours,

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Mr. Stanley Chore,

MOVember 24, 1952.

Mr. Henry R. Hope, Chairman, Fine Arts Department, Indiana University, Blockington, Indiana.

Dear Henry

I am so glad the: the interest in murals has been revived.

The so-called union price per square foot has been established at \$40., but the figure fluctuates (by this I meen is reduced) in relation to the size, the type of mural, etc. The decorative artists who work rapidly in simplified forms naturally charge less. Those who carry out a theme involving research, sketches, etc., charge more.

In addition to the footage charge, all expenses of transportation and supervision of installation are also payable. The artist supplies his own paints, brushes, canvas, and other equipment, but does not pay for the installation.

If you can send me a more detailed plan, indicating sizes of the individual murals and stating whether all of them are to be executed by one artist or whether you plan to have several artists paint individual murals but have an all-over color plan, I can give you much more information. The artists in this gallery, who are interested in executing murals are: Paul Burlin, Ralston Crawford, Ben Shahn, Mitchell Siporin, and Edward Millman. For obvious reasons, here, too, a sliding scale is involved.

Won't you write me soon so that I can obtain the necessary information and when are you coming to town?

Sincerely yours.

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Downtown Gallery 52 East 51st St. New York City 22, NY

Dear Sirs:

If you have Ben Shahn drawings of the Sacco and Vanzetti trial or any Shahn drawings or prints that would be of interest to a lawyer, will you please send them to us on approbal.

With thanks for your prompt attention,

Sincerely yours,

Berthe von Moschzisker

Director

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COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES FINE ARTS DEPARTMENT

Movember 12, 1952

Mind Edith Halpert The Downtown Gallery 32 East 51st Street New York, New York

Dear Edith:

Two or three years ago, our University expressed the wish that it might have some mural paintings in one of the large dining halls. The matter was postponed, but now has been raised again. Therefore, I am writing to you to ask for particulars on arrangements recommended by the gallery for work by the square foot. I believe you named a price per square feet, stipulating in addition all expenses of travel and installation were to be met, but I don't recall if this included paints, brushes and other equipment involved. When speaking to you about this, you suggested Shahn, but if you want to suggest others in your group who are interested in mural work, I would be gled to know about them.

Sincerely yours,

Henry R. Hope

Chairman Fine Arts Departmen

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Seattle, Wash. Nov. 19, 1952

Downtown Gallery 32 E. 51st St. New York, 22, N. Y.

Attention Mr. Charles Alan.

Gentlemen:

I have a porcelain plaque that has been in the family for almost a hundred years. It was a wedding present to my Grandfather and Grandmother in 1858. I have been told that this plaque was purchased in the antique shop of Lord and Taylor's in New York. The plaque is oval in shape, 16 inches long and 14 inches wide.

I have tried to identify it by the artist's mark on the back but have been unsuccessful. The mark is about 5/8 of an

inch in length.

I am enclosing a colored photo of the front and also the mark which appears on the back. The shadows on the picture were caused by the divisions on a window thru which the sun shone at the time the pictures were taken.

I would certainly appreciate it if you could identify the artist for me and also if his works are of great value. If you are unable to give me the above information could you recommend someone who could.

Thanking you in advance for anything you might be able

to do about this. I remain,

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Mr. John Hay Whitney, 10 Gracie Square, New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Whitney:

If you are planning to include works of art in your Christmas giving, do come in to see the superb selection of paintings and sculpture by our entire group of artists.

They are all new examples, priced far below the market value and within a range to fit a variety of Christman budgets.

Sincerecy yours,

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### PALM BEACH ART LEAGUE

# NORTON GALLERY AND SCHOOL PIONEER PARK, WEST PALM BEACH, FLORIDA OF ART

REGINALD POLAND, Director

November 25, 1952

Mrs. Samuel Halpert The Downtown Gallery 32 East 51st Street New York, New York

Dear Mrs. Helpert:

Your letter just reached me as the exhibition was being picked up. It has already gone. I am sorry we did not do any definite business, although two different persons were interested in certain examples and I would like to know the following:

- Could you send down two or three, even unframed, small examples, preferably by Reis.
- Also, could you send me a few photographs, together with prices, of Lawrence's paintings.

We framed up the Reis and are making that as a contribution to the show. We sent it on with the picture.

Sincerely yours,

Reginald Poland

Director

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November 3, 1952

Mr. Charles Alan The Downtown Gallery 32 E. 51st Street New York City 22

Dear Mr. Alan:

We shall be glad to have you show our Kuniyoshi Summer Storm in your exhibit at the Gallery when it is returned to us from the Biennals, December 7 - 27. We shall expect you to make the necessary arrangements with the American Federation of Arts so that the picture will be fully covered by insurance during the time of exhibition there and its return to us.

Sincerely yours,

E. P. Richardson,

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Meyric R. rocers, Curas November 17, 1952

Mrs. Edith Gregor Halpert The Downtown Gallery 32 East 51 Street New York 22, New York

Dear Edith:

Many thanks for your note of November 14 with your request to have the check made out in your name. We would be very glad to have that done, but would you send us an invoice in duplicate made out this way so that we can have the check made out. In other words, the bill should be made by you as creditor with the Downtown Gallery in parentheses following your name.

It was good to have a little chat with you. Later I found that the Vanderbilt Webbs were thinking very much the way we are about the Shelburne problem. but I didn't get a chance to see Mrs. Matson Webb as she went on right through to Washington.

Kindest regards.

Yours sincerely.

Meyric R. Rogers

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November 28, 1952

Downtown Gallery 32 East 51st Street New York 22, N. Y.

Attn: Edith Halpert

Dear Mrs. Halpert:

I have reconsidered the matter of the Xmas card, and wish to discontinue the idea of ordering the same.

Thank you very much for your efforts.

Sincerely yours

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Miss Porce

November 30, 1969

Mr. Henry Strater Bez 508 Cympelt, Maine

Dear Hr. Struters

I have your latter of Nevember 14 concerning the return of your Enzigestal unterestor, had linear which you so kindly less to the Hierards Rehibition.

The printings will arrive in New York on November 26 or shortly thereafter. We understand, however, that Mr. Allen from the Dountous Salleny is planning to write to you in section to obtain your permission for an extension of the least and will inform you fully of the details involved.

If you decide that you would rether not prelong the loss of your painting, we will, of course, ship it to you directly upon its arrival in New York.

Yours sincerely,

Thomas Nonuar Anglatumt Diventor

November 19th, 1962.

Mr. Solomon B. Smith, Executive Vice President, Northern Trust Company, B7 South La Selle Street, Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Smith:

We are shipping your painting, "The Silver Tanks", by Niles Spencer, today. When it is received, would you have the enclosed postcard signed and returned to us.

Icannot tell you how grateful we are for your generosity in lending this painting for our Beencer exhibition. The exhibition was really beautiful, and a fitting tribute to this fine artist. Your picture was greatly admired and added much to the success of the show. Mrs. Balpert and I are looking forward to seeing you and Mrs. Saith in New York.

Sincerely yours,

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. Mrs. John Burling, 2726 M Street, N. W., Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Burlings

On October twenty-night we shipped to you the two paintings by billiam Harmett which you were considering.

At that time I wrote, asking whether you would be good enough to give us a prompt decision as there are three clients eagerly avaiting your decision. Won't you please communicate with me at your earliest convenience and, in the event that you are not planning to retain either painting, can you arrange to have them shipped to us promptly.

I shall be most grateful for your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

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Movember 19, 1962.

Mr. Joseph Butler, Director, Butler Art Institute, 526 Wick Ave., Youngstown, Chic.

Dear Mr. Butler:

We are shipping your painting, "The Watch Factory" by Niles Spencer, today. When it is received, would you please have the enclosed postcard signed and returned to us.

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Sincerely yours,

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